

CITY GETS UNEXPECTED WINDFALL OF \$17,000 AND MAY AVOID BONDING

UTILITY COMPANY'S SHARE IS PAID BY STATE TREASURER

Believed That Unexpected Sum Will Obviate Fight in Council Threatened on Bond Issue

CAN GO AHEAD WITH BIG SEWER

Opposition at Last Meeting Came from Faction That Was Opposed to More Bonding

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The state treasurer has turned over to the city of La Crosse \$17,000, the amount of the city's share of the taxes assessed against the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power company, with interest. This is in accordance with a new state law which relieves public utilities of local taxation. The utilities are taxed by the state and the city's share turned over from Madison.

Unexpected arrival of more than \$17,000 which had not been calculated upon in preparing the 1916 budget today was hailed as a possible way out of the bond issue for construction of the Mississippi street trunk sewer next year. It was believed that the unexpected windfall will prevent a fight which threatened at the last council meeting over a bond issue of \$20,000, proposed to begin the big sewer project. Serious opposition developed at last Friday's meeting, owing to the objections of a faction led by Alderman W. F. Roellig, who are set against any further bond issues by the city. At that time Alderman Roellig demanded that the sewer project be held up for another year, in order that the funds for its construction be amassed before work is begun.

The money which has been turned over by the state, came unexpectedly, examination of the city budget disclosed. On estimates furnished by the state, \$16,000 was placed in the budget as the amount to be collected next December as the city's share of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power company's taxes. Nothing is in the budget for 1915, and it is believed that the \$17,000 constitutes an extra fund for which no disposition has been prepared in advance.

SHORTAGE FEARED

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 15.—W. N. Fitzgerald, employed by the state to audit accounts of institutions under the state board of control, is now working at the Northern Hospital for Insane, here. The presence of the expert has given rise to rumors of shortages and other irregularities.

Weather

Today's Temperatures
6 a. m. 9 10 a. m. 17
7 a. m. 10 11 a. m. 20
8 a. m. 12 12 m. 22
9 a. m. 13 1 p. m. 25
Sunrise 7:34 p. m.
Sunset 4:28 p. m.

Temperatures Yesterday
High, 18.
Low, 8.
Precipitation, 0.

For La Crosse and vicinity—Snow tonight and Thursday. Somewhat warmer tonight.

For Wisconsin—Snow tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight.

For Minnesota—Snow tonight and Thursday. Warmer northeast portion tonight. Colder west portion Thursday.

For Iowa—Snow or rain tonight and Thursday. Somewhat warmer east and central portions tonight. Colder extreme west portion Thursday.

Weather Conditions
The weather is generally cloudy in all sections this morning and snow and rain are falling in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and snow at a few lake stations and in the north-west and east plateau region.

The eastern storm is central near the mouth of the St. Lawrence valley and another storm is central over Colorado. The pressure is relatively high throughout a narrow strip from Lake Superior to the east gulf states and over the north Pacific slope.

The temperature is lower in the middle and north Atlantic states and generally slightly higher from the Rocky mountains to the Mississippi valley.

The western low will likely cause snow in this section tonight and Thursday, with somewhat higher temperature tonight.

LA FOLLETTE GETS GREAT OVATION IN BLAIR LAST NIGHT

Town Hall Is Packed and 500 People Cheer Senator Through Three Hours of State Issues

DRIVE IN FROM 30 MILES

Taxation Is Main Subject and "Bob" Shows Taxes Have Increased in Trempealeau County

OLD-TIME ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

People Come Long Distance in Winter Weather to Greet Wisconsin's Senior Senator

BLAIR, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.) They rode in from thirty miles about Blair to welcome Senator Robert M. La Follette and listen to his address last night, they packed the town hall and they cheered the senator to the echo.

If anybody still reads the Sentinel propaganda in which it is sought to create the impression that "Bob" is losing his hold, that person should have been among the 500 people in last night's splendid and enthusiastic audience, and his mind would have been forever disabused of the error. They're all for "Bob" in this section.

La Follette arrived at 1:35 p. m., and was met at the depot by a large group of citizens, among whom was Elmer Immel, the long-time La Follette leader. At the meeting he was introduced by Rev. Andrew Boe, and his appearance was greeted with a storm of applause.

The senator discussed state issues. He dwelt upon the failure of the lower tax promise, showing that taxes in Trempealeau county have been increased, instead of decreased.

The senator spoke for three hours, being encouraged to "go on" when he showed signs of terminating his talk, and the audience stayed to the finish and showed growing enthusiasm.

Attacks Emergency Bill
Senator La Follette attacked the emergency appropriation bill passed at the last session of the legislature. He said that this legislature was without a parallel in history and that it delegated powers to three state officers that by the constitution are imposed upon the legislature.

Sensor La Follette pointed out that by clever shifting and manipulation of taxes heretofore levied against the state government had been shifted to the local government and that local taxes had been increased throughout the state. He declared that the tax receipts this year would show the people that their tax receipts were no lower than last year.

Up to Administration
La Follette charged that the present administration had complete charge of both branches of the last legislature, that Governor Philipp had been able to elect the man he wanted for speaker and controlled matters in the senate. For this reason he asserted complete responsibility for the tax situation rests upon the governor. Senator La Follette claimed that it was almost impossible to tell what the expenses of the present administration would be because of the emergency appropriation bill, passed in the closing days of the legislature giving three state officers power to give additional funds to the different departments in excess of the amounts specifically allowed by the legislature.

Count Eliminates Wait
"Marry at once," was his advice. And so they hastened over to the office of Count Clerk Bert Jolivette and procured a license. Judge Brindle granted a special dispensation to eliminate the five-day wait required by the state law, and married them at once.

Mrs. Robare was fifteen when she became the wife of Victor Barnes. That was in 1908. The ceremony was performed on the stage of the La Crosse theater, a publicity stunt for a stock company, which endowed the newly wedded pair with house furnishings and a sum of money.

The union was not happy, and shortly afterwards the pair separated. A short time later the child-wife was brought before Judge Brindle for delinquency, and despite her tearful protests that a married woman could not be sent to reform school, she was committed.

Disobeys Court Order

About two years ago Mrs. Barnes received a divorce from her absent husband, and resumed her maiden name. But she was too much in love with Percy Leon Robare to wait the year ordered by the court. They ran off to Winona and were married. A baby was born before the matter came to the attention of the court, but Judge Higbee declared the marriage void.

Despite the court's decree, however, the two clung to each other. They removed to Aberdeen, and there an estrangement grew up between them. One night when Robare came home, the girl-mother seized a small revolver and shot him during a quarrel. Robare was not seriously wounded, but the little blond mother and her baby were taken to jail. At first Mrs. Robare was bitter against the father of her baby, but at length there was a reconciliation with forgiveness on both sides, and the case against her was dropped.

NEW RATES ASKED AFFECT MANY OF LOCAL SHIPPERS
Brick, Stone, Produce, Tobacco and Fuel Wood Rate Revision Sought of State

La Crosse shippers of stone, brick, butter and eggs, leaf tobacco and fuel wood are hit by the proposed increases in rates asked by railroads doing business in Wisconsin, according to a notification received by the La Crosse Shippers' association. The state railroad commission has sent notice of the tariffs which the railroads ask to be amended.

FEDERAL MONOPOLY OF MUNITIONS IS HUB OF CONTEST

Faction Would Oppose the Taxes for Defense Unless State Has Control of Manufacture

WOULD EXTEND EMERGENCY TAX

Decrease in Customs and Internal Revenue Named as Reasons for Their Plea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Unless a government monopoly of munitions manufacture is ordered, a large faction of democrats threaten to oppose any taxes for preparedness, except income and inheritance taxes on large fortunes, it developed today in the house after democratic members of the ways and means committee had submitted their plea for an extension of the present emergency war tax measure for another year.

In advancing their plea, they pointed to a customs revenue loss of \$82,000,000 chargeable to the war, a slump of \$25,000,000 in tobacco and liquor taxes, a decrease in value of importations of \$219,755,917 for the fiscal year and a loss of \$262,000,000 in imports from warring European countries.

Taxation of incomes alone, mostly those of rich men, to secure national defense revenues, is the plan to which the ways and means committee is turning. Vigorous sentiment against the proposals to raise funds by taxing bank checks, automobile horse-power, gasoline, etc., is growing. Enough democrats are reported pledged to defeat the proposals.

AUSTRIA TO GIVE INTO U. S. DEMANDS IS SWISS REPORT

Cabinet Said to Have Met Yesterday to Consider the Note on the Ancona

AUSTRIA KNEW ATTITUDE

Statements That Formal Notification Was Not Given Will Not Be Considered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Great Britain has granted safe conduct to Captains Boy-Ed and Von Pappen.

The British embassy notified the state department this afternoon. The matter of safe conduct for their successors has not been taken up yet.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—That Austria will accede to the demands of the United States, made in the Ancona note, was reported in dispatches from Swiss points today. It was stated that a special meeting of the Austrian cabinet was held yesterday to consider the American note.

Ignorance Plea Not to Hold
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The United States will tolerate no plea from Austria-Hungary that it had not been formally advised of the attitude of this country when its submarine commander sank the Ancona. Reports from Vienna indicate the Austrian foreign office might attempt to prolong negotiations on this point.

In the Ancona note Secretary Lansing apparently foresaw such a possibility and precluded its use through these words:

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised through the correspondence which has been exchanged between the United States and Germany of the attitude of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce and of the acquiescence of Germany in this attitude and yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austrian-Hungarian government the Ancona attack was made."

Hereafter to copies of the Lusitania which had been given all the important embassies here at the time they were sent.

There was a disposition on the part of state department officials to doubt the good faith of such claims of ignorance on the part of Austria. It is considered merely as a ruse to gain time.

ALLIED BONDS HAVE SLUMP IN MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Bonds of the \$500,000,000 allied loan dropped to a new low mark today when they sold on the stock exchange at 94 1-8. The life of the underwriting syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan and company expired today and the decline immediately followed. During early trading, \$25,000 worth of the bonds were sold at 94 3-4, yesterday's closing price, but toward noon the decline set in.

NECEDAH PLANS TO REBUILD BEFORE ASHES ARE COOLED

Merchants Are Preparing to Raise Village Like Phoenix on Ruins of Yesterday's Catastrophe

FIRE BURNS OUT BY MIDNIGHT

Creamery Is Last to Go and Today Smoke-wreathed Ruins Mark Former Business Part

ONLY NINE BUILDINGS SAVED

Village in Darkness Last Night; Two Homeless Families Find Shelter with Friends

With only nine of its business buildings standing today on the fringes of the ruined district which yesterday housed the thriving commercial life of the village, Necedah is preparing to rebuild. Merchants and bankers were going over the smoldering ruins of their buildings today, planning new and better structures as soon as the debris can be removed. Like the phoenix of ancient myth, Necedah will rise from the ashes rejuvenated.

Dies Out at Midnight

The fire burned itself out at midnight last night. The creamery was the last building to go, and its ruins flickered into ashes just before 12 o'clock. Smoke-wreathed heaps of brick and iron line either side of the main street for six blocks.

No accurate estimate of the loss, which figures yesterday placed in the neighborhood of half a million dollars, has been arrived at. It was expected that it will be at least twenty-four hours before merchants can figure out the exact extent of their losses. In most cases insurance will cover the greater part of the damage, it was said.

Bank Recopens Today

The Necedah bank, whose building was one of those destroyed was doing business this morning in the drainage office in the theater block, one of the nine buildings which was untouched. In the ruins of the bank building rises the blackened shape of the vault in which is thousands of dollars in cash and securities. The vault withstood the fire unharmed, it is believed, and as soon as the ruins cool sufficiently, it will be opened and the valuables removed. The books of the bank, and a large amount of money, were saved, the employees having plenty of warning of the approaching destruction of the building.

The nine buildings left standing in the Necedah business district are the Security bank, the 10-cent store, the Republican office, the library, the theater, the telephone exchange, the stores of Hans Anderson and A. H. Barrow & Sons, the Looney millinery shop and Rattunde Brothers' garage. Everything else was swept from existence.

Stories that hundreds were homeless which went out when word of the fire went over the state yesterday were declared untrue today. The fire was confined to the business district, and only two families occupying quarters above business establishments lost their homes. They found a ready welcome last night in the hospitable homes of neighbors.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

The fire started on the main street, which runs north and south, parallel with the Yellow river. It started on the west side of the street, but soon jumped to the other side and swept over the entire district to the river.

Fire Attracts Hundreds

Reports of the fire spread all over the state and attracted crowds of persons from many miles in all directions. They came in automobiles and bobsleighs and farmers hurried in on foot when they could not get a ride. The flames could be seen for miles and the entire sky was clouded with smoke.

The fortunate ones who did not lose their homes were quick to come to the aid of their helpless fellow citizens.

Aid From Neighboring Towns
Most of the buildings burned were of frame construction and the fire spread rapidly. When it was seen the Necedah fire department was powerless, calls were sent to departments in the surrounding cities. The New Lisbon firemen were soon on the ground. Mauston sent over its department on a special train. Aid also came from Adams and Portage.

Dark Last Night

Necedah was in darkness last night. Although the electric power plant was not burned, its main lead was destroyed when the fire felled its posts in the business district. Telephone service was not broken down except to the north side of the village. The north cable of the company was burned through. Toll lines were working today without interruption.

The post office was established temporarily today in the G. A. R. hall. A butcher shop starting doing business in a hotel lobby.

Many suffered on account of lack of provisions. All but two grocery stores were burned. The stock of (Continued on Page 6, col. 1)

NATIONAL EXIGENCIES BROUGHT ON MONARCHY ASSERTS YUAN SHI KAI

He Says Chinese Monarchy Will Be Constitutional



EMPEROR YUAN SHI KAI

TEUTONIC AGENTS REGULARLY BANDED OFFICIALS BELIEVE

Opinion Expressed Bomb Conspirators Controlled by System of Offices

MANY INDICTED ON COAST

Evidence Produced Said to Show Von Pappen Was Connected with Propaganda

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—

That Teutonic agents who planned the blowing up of American munitions plants and conspired to plant bombs aboard American vessels are members of an organized staff with a system of offices spanning the United States, was the belief of government authorities here today. Detroit today had entered into the scope of the government's investigation and an inquiry was expected to learn whether agencies were operating in a number of other big cities.

George Wilhelm Von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, formerly a detective for the German consulate here, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's employe, are under indictment and at liberty on bonds of \$10,000 each on charges of conspiring to destroy commerce with the allies and using the mails to incite arson and murder. Evidence which brought about their indictments is said by government investigators to show that Captain Von Pappen of the German embassy passed on the prices for "service" in the destruction of an explosive plant at Pinole, Cal.

The federal authorities today tried to determine possible connection between the dynamite plots and an attempt to smuggle four Teutons into the United States aboard a United States troops transport, frustrated with the arrest of the aliens and four American soldiers on the transport. The Americans are said to have aided in the smuggling plot. The transport arrived from Honolulu.

Suspects Taken at Gary

GARY, Ind., Dec. 15.—Gary police today turned over to the federal department of justice evidence which they believed connected Gary suspects with a nation-wide pro-German bomb plot.

A letter written by an employe of the Aetna Chemical company, in which he mentioned he was to receive \$10,000 for blowing up the plant, was among the evidence, it was said.

This letter, police said, evidently connected the local suspects with a head office in Detroit.

DYNAMITERS' PARDON ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson today was asked to pardon John H. Barry and Paul J. Morin, two labor leaders convicted during the dynamiters' trial at Indianapolis. The case was presented by Senator Stone.

PROMINENT BRITAIN DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Alverstone, former lord chief justice of England, and one of the strongest friends of America in English public life, died today at the age of 72.

NEW EMPEROR OF CELESTIALS HAS WORD FOR U. S.

He Says He Will Try to Maintain Friendship Enjoyed with This Country

MONARCHY WILL BE LIMITED

Elected by People, Yuan Promises New Monarchy Will Be Constitutional

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NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The first public statement by Emperor Yuan Shi Kai, cabled today to the United Press, the newly proclaimed monarch of China makes known to the world the dominating reasons for the abolition of the republic.

The emperor also announces his future policy toward America and states his purpose to employ every effort to cement the friendship between the two nations.

The cablegram follows:

To the United Press, New York. PEKING, Dec. 14.—Your telegram has been translated and submitted to his majesty's perusal. I am instructed to reply as follows:

"The sovereignty of the Chinese republic resides in the whole body of the people. The convention of the people's representatives, considering a republic unsuitable on account of historical reasons and public opinion and wishing to establish permanent peace, have unanimously adopted a constitutional monarchy.

"The status of state chief is naturally subject to public will. The acting legislature has reported to me the same and stated that the provincial and district conventions of the people's representatives have unanimously elected me emperor.

"Firm refusal unavailing, I have been forced to submit to the people's will and have instructed the different ministries and departments to make preparations. The necessary preparations having been made, I will be requested to carry them out with due consideration.

"The relations between China and America have always been most friendly and the monarchy's policy will be to cement still closer this friendship and to exert the utmost to promote the industrial and commercial developments of the two nations."

(Signed) ADMIRAL TSAI-TING-KAN, Private Secretary.

The Chinese emperor's statement to the United Press is the first information that the new monarchy is to be a constitutional monarchy.

Press dispatches from Peking had stated that Yuan Shi Kai did not intend to assume the throne for some time, though he formally accepted the offer. In his message to the United Press the Chinese ruler said he would "submit to the people's will" where the "necessary preparations" have been made. In transmitting the cablegram, however, his private secretary referred to Yuan Shi Kai as "his majesty," indicating that in effect, at least, he is now emperor of China.

Motives "Pure" Says Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Japanese embassy today assured the world of "the simplest and purest" of motives in Japan's relations with China, particularly its protest on the change from a republic to a monarchy.

MAY GET MORE STOCK

NE WYORK, Dec. 15.—Employees and officers of the United States Steel corporation soon may have an opportunity to buy further holdings in the company. Announcement was made here that 35,000 shares of common and preferred stock have been set aside for their subscription. The price has not been set.

STUDENT COMBATS SUICIDE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Laila Folks, of Yonkers, N. Y., a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, committed suicide by shooting herself today.



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CARRYING INVALID PROVES FATAL TO HENRY WOHLHUTER

Henry Wohlhuter, aged 61, brother of John Wohlhuter, manager of the La Crosse theater, died at his home in Oakland, Cal., Monday, from the effects of carrying the prostrate form of a woman from an ambulance to the third floor of the building in which she lived. Word of Mr. Wohlhuter's death reached Mr. Wohlhuter

Monday night. With William Wohlhuter, of Albert Lea, Minn., another brother, Mr. Wohlhuter left for California yesterday.

Mr. Wohlhuter was until thirteen years ago a resident of Albert Lea, Minn., and was known among the business men of La Crosse. He was engaged in the ambulance business in the California city, and at the time of the injury which caused his death was working in the place of an employee who was ill. Mr. Wohlhuter and an assistant were returning a woman to her home from the hospital. The assistant, according to the information received, was not strong enough to assist in carrying the woman, and Mr. Wohlhuter volunteered to undertake the task. Ligaments about the heart were torn from the strain and he died shortly afterwards.

Not all the romances are found in the summer fiction numbers, some of them are related in a rough way in police court.

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The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

THE HANDY MAN

BY LOUISE OLIVER

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"Dear Connie:
"Can you come to dinner Friday? I have an extra girl, and as usual I need a man. Connie, dear, don't think I'm asking you for the tenth time this season just because I am so fond of you; such of course we all are. But it is because you are such a darling to fill in. What would we do without you?"
"Faithfully yours,
"Belle."

"P. S. Don't tell the story about the flamingo, I simply can't laugh at it again. I can say it backward in my sleep. Hunt up a new supply."

"Well, I like that," laughed Connie Collins good naturedly as he laid aside the note and resumed his grapefruit. "One thing about Belle—she's candid." He sighed. "So I'm to supply again! It seems to me I've developed into a regular married woman's relief corps. Here I am—trying my best to make all the girls of the younger set crazy about me and it all amounts to nothing. I'm too useful a member of society where I am to be allowed to hover around debutantes and rosebuds. And even if I could be dispensed with in married circles, I fear my reputation as handy man has ruined me with the other girls. Just the other day, when I had to break through a crust of young fellows three deep to get at pretty little Phyllis Brandon, Dick Marshall whispered in her ear: 'Here comes old Connie. Phyl, be good to him. He's got a night off.'"

He finished his coffee and went to the office where he called up his prospective hostess for Friday.

"Hello, Belle! I got your note. Count on me. Yes, sure. No, I'll not tell the flamingo story another—what's that? Oh, she's pretty, is she? That's encouraging. Say, Belle, have some of that crab meat again, will you? All right—good for you! I'll be there sure."

"Well, I'm glad she's pretty and I hope she's young and happy," mused Connie as he hung up the receiver. "Last time I drew a Widow McGinness of the tearful type."

When Friday night came and Connie was presented to the young person he was to take to dinner, his first impulse was to hunt up his hostess and weep tears of joy and thankfulness upon her shoulder. Miss Maywell—such was her name—was a vision of sweet delight, and she gave him her hand with such an adorable smile that his head began spinning like a top. For the first time in his life he found himself devoid of repartee. His tongue seemed to stick to the roof of his mouth when occasion demanded that he say something.

At dinner, however, he improved a bit. The long table with flowers, candles and silver, seemed like a particular paradise where one angle reigned supreme. His hostess kept nodding and smiling at him as much as to say, "It's your reward, Connie, for a long period of martyrdom."

Then gradually—so imperceptibly that no one noticed it for a while—the air, heavy with the scent of American Beauty roses, became pungent, a blue haze began to fill the room and finally an eddy of smoke trailed across the low circle of light thrown by the candles.

"Fire!" a woman breathed convulsively and the guests sprang to their feet. Belle's husband, Max Wells, threw open the door into the hall. There was a solid wall of white smoke.

Dorothy Maywell laid a hand on Connie's arm. "Do you think it's upstairs?" she whispered. "I—I've got to go up and get some things if it is."

"You mustn't think of that," he insisted kindly. "Lives first, you know." He laid his hand reassuringly over the one resting nervously on his arm.

"But I've got to. Doesn't any one know where it is?"

Max, with a wet napkin over his face, rushed to the library telephone, and some of the men were forming a bucket brigade in the kitchen.

"There are fire extinguishers somewhere," faltered Belle. "But I don't know where they are!"

No one seemed to be able to locate the fire. There was a smoke enough to start a private inferno—but no flames were visible any where.

"I must go to my room," insisted Dorothy, sliding her hand off Connie's arm and starting for the door.

"You must not!" he commanded. She stopped for an instant as though submissive to a will stronger than her own. Then, before he realized what she was doing, she dashed a glass of water over a napkin, caught it up to her face and was out of the door, through the wall of smoke and tearing up the stairs.

Connie was at her heels, but he could not stop her. There had been no time for him to protect himself, and the smoke in his eyes and lungs strangled him, but he kept on.

"Come back—come back here, Connie, Dorothy!" called the others below. "Are you crazy?" But Dorothy kept on and Connie after her. Upstairs the smoke was less dense. Dorothy ran along the hall and into a room at the right.

"You can't come in," she called. But Connie, with eyes alert for flames, paid no attention.

"Hurry!" he urged. "Get what you want. But for heaven's sake hurry!" She flew to a bureau, opened a small top drawer, got something that looked like a card, slid it into the front of her gown and faced him. "I—I'm ready!" she choked.

Connie's eyes were smarting so he could scarcely see. But they groped



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their way along the hall, keeping as close to the floor as possible. They almost fell down the stairs. In another instant they were outside on the porch just as the firemen arrived.

The men rushed into the smoke-filled house, upstairs, down cellar, garret-ward—yet there were no flames, only a dense, acrid smoke.

"No fire in the house at all," yelled some one. "It's all coming out of the registers. Something wrong with the furnace."

So to the cellar they went and found a piece of damp carpet smoldering in a disused furnace.

Max Wells swore. "It's that blankety-blank new man of ours. When the weather got colder, I sent him down to light the furnace. I never thought of the old one. It's been stuffed up for years. Well—the joke's on us."

Open windows soon cleared the house sufficiently for the guests to return to their coffee.

As Connie placed Dorothy's chair for her, he noticed a white square on the floor. He picked it up and saw—his own photograph, with something written on the back! In an instant it was in his pocket. In some way he knew it was what Dorothy had been so frantic to rescue. It was very puzzling! Instinct told him, too, that she must never know he had discovered it.

The rest of the evening passed uneventfully enough except that Connie felt that he had suddenly ascended to the seventh heaven of delight. Dorothy Maywell was already the only girl in the world. He discovered that he had visited her cousin, a college chum, a fact that might explain her possession of the photograph.

Then she discovered her loss. "Oh, I've lost the—the paper I went up stairs for," she cried suddenly. "No, please don't help me hunt it. I must have dropped it on the porch. Please—don't come, Mr. Collins." So Connie let her search. When she returned, white faced, without it, he was ready with an explanation.

"Miss Maywell, when I think of it, I saw a fireman pick up a piece of cardboard and light his cigar with it. Do you suppose it could be what you lost?"

"Oh, I hope so!" she cried passionately. "I should have burned it myself long ago. That is why I wanted to get it when they called 'fire'; I was afraid it would be discovered."

This was what was written on the photograph, and what Connie felt he was entitled to read before he put a match to it at bedtime:

"I love his eyes. I love the way the hair waves over his temple. I love the cleft in his chin, and his firm, strong mouth. I wonder if I shall ever know him."

Connie went to bed too happy to sleep. "After all," he reflected, there's some advantage in being a supply. But I'm afraid Belle will have to hunt up another handy man. I'm gone!"

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ENGLAND COLLECTS MANY BILLIONS OF U. S. SECURITIES

Paper Will Be Used by the Government to Keep Up Balance of Trade

LONDON, Dec. 15.—American securities of an estimated value of between \$1,500,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000 will be mobilized by Great Britain to keep up the balance of trade with the United States during the the war.

The securities will be purchased or borrowed. When purchase is made payment will be in five-year 5 per cent exchequer bonds.

The securities are to be used primarily as collateral for loans, or, in case of necessity, to be sold to meet Great Britain's liabilities in the United States.

MANY ATTEND THE NORMAL PARENT AND TEACHER MEETING

About seventy-five turned out to the meeting of the Parents' and Teachers' association of the normal model school Monday. The occasion of the election of officers brought a good attendance and one of the best meetings of the year resulted. Miss Ethel H. Robson of the history and English department was the speaker of the evening, taking for her topic "History in the Grades," on which she gave a most interesting discussion. Carrol Robb rendered two delightful vocal solos and Caroline Schweizer pleased the audience with the rendition of two piano solos.

The following officers were elected at last night's gathering: President—John E. McConnell. Vice president—Mrs. John Salzer. Secretary-treasurer—Miss Winnifred I. Williams.

DOUBLE GUARD AT POWDER FACTORY

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 15.—Owing to the recent mysterious explosions and fires in plants manufacturing munitions, the Dupont company has doubled the guard around their plant at Barksdale.

Every employee is now required to carry a brass check which he must show on entering the works. The property is fenced with woven wire, eight feet high and with barbed entanglements on top. Forty guards now patrol the grounds and a new lighting system keeps the grounds almost as light at night as in the day. The company is planning to put up more buildings next spring.

Nearly 1,000 men are now employed at the plant.

Many a man's future has been spoiled by his wife's social success.

SCORE OF CITIES TO HAVE CHAUTAUQUAS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Nearly twenty cities have already agreed to hold Chautauquas during the summer of 1916, according to information given at the University Extension division today. The program is now being made up by the extension division for next summer's entertainment.

Among the cities which have already decided to hold the chautauquas next summer are Racine, Madison, La Crosse, Tomah, Grand Rapids, Stevens Point, Sheboygan, Ripon, Antigo, Shawano, Tomahawk, Ladysmith, Bloomer, Rice Lake, Bayfield, Rhinelander, Delavan, Evansville.

Two entertainments are given each day during the chautauquas which continue six days.

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3—Wed.	7,690	18—Thurs.	7,840
4—Thur.	7,683	19—Fri.	7,845
5—Fri.	7,680	20—Sat.	7,958
6—Sat.	7,682	21—Sunday.	
7—Sunday.	22—Mon.	7,964	
8—Mon.	7,687	23—Tues.	7,969
9—Tues.	7,684	24—Wed.	7,980
10—Wed.	7,696	25—Thur.	7,986
11—Thur.	7,696	26—Fri.	7,998
12—Fri.	7,756	27—Sat.	8,032
13—Sat.	7,776	28—Sunday.	
14—Sunday.	29—Mon.	8,056	
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Notary Public.

WHEN COSMOS IS CHAOS

To us the most absurd thing about
our "preparedness" panic is the folly
of preparation in the closing hours
of the present era, for emergencies
which we can not even dimly out-
line in the new era that will follow
the war.

Civilization is stirred for a new
spring. Every precedent of govern-
ment and industry, a world's ambi-
tions, conditions and ideals, are
heaps of debris upon a smoking hem-
isphere. There are no learned prophe-
ts of the future. All marks to steer
by are going. Who shall say what
forces will control, what sentiment
will prevail when reason shall have
succeeded distraction? The nature of
the reaction from war's desolation
can not be predicted until the
depths of civilization's fall are
reached and probed. We can not
today establish a viewpoint from
which to scan the unknown to-
morrow. The impulse that will
come with the aftermath we can
not now even sense. With no horo-
scope of what awaits beyond the ec-
ches of our crashing world, it is idle
to plunge upon the dictation of those
primitive instincts which became up-
permost in the shock and turmoil of
colossal crises.

Petty, hysterical, shriveled in the
awful presence of unthinkable cal-
amity, we rush forth in the dark-
ness to face the unknown, instead

of composing ourselves for the com-
ing of the light. Can we, in the
blindness of this chaos, solve the
great problem of humanity? Can
submerged civilization grope its
way to the higher levels of democ-
racy when all human thought not
expressed in terms of devastation is
paralyzed by the shock of horrors
beyond our capacity for understand-
ing? Comprehension has staggered,
fallen, yet we have the audacity to
assert the remedy in that in the
womb of which this whole inferno
was conceived.

Not until comes the final revul-
sion will humanity reassert itself.
May we not hope that then there
will come a new vision, new inter-
pretations, new motives and a high-
er conception of human destiny? Out
of the fire will there not come puri-
fication, out of the chaos clarified
hopes and ambitions? There will be
a new order—let us hope founded
upon truer christianity and a
broader and more enlightened democ-
racy. But it will be new, and its
ideals and aspirations are unknown
to us. The pages of the book have
not yet been cut and now, in the
night of the world's humiliation, we
can not even read the title.

Yet here are we with our discred-
ited panacea—a gun and a boat and
a shoulder-strap!

Oh, the littleness of man!

DEPLORABLE EXCEPTION

An earnest woman working hard
for a small group of children in the
most northern part of Wisconsin,
writes to us for help. She has been
to see officials in the neighborhood
and feels discouraged. For six
years she and others have been try-
ing to get a school for the children
of six families. The average number
who need to be in school each year
is thirteen, between the ages of four
and sixteen. They are the children
of very poor settlers brought into
the country by a land company. The
parents are illiterate, dirty, but in-
dustrious, sober, and ready to wel-
come opportunity. The children are
eager for any chance that is offered
to them. The nearest school is from
two to four miles from the
houses. In winter the snow lies
as high as the shoulders of the small-
est children, and they must beat
their own trail across pathless
woods. There is danger enough to
make the trip perilous for the small
children, so that no child under
twelve attempts the journey regularly.
Surely a situation like that is not
the concern of merely the six fami-
lies.

We have looked into the matter
and the situation seems to be this:
According to the Wisconsin statutes,
the local authorities decide when a
new school is needed. The state is
willing to assist, but nevertheless a
new school means more local taxa-
tion. The men who own the cut-over
land are much against having the
taxation raised. Many such situa-
tions exist in northern Wisconsin in
the large cut-over sections. In a
good many districts the best solu-
tion has been found to be in provid-
ing transportation. In this also the
state lends assistance, to the extent
of five cents per child per day. The
difficulty really lies in the fact that
the people in every school district
have complete control of local school
affairs. There is no great hope of a
complete reform until this situation
is changed and the state itself un-
dertakes more responsibility. Local
control is a valuable thing in some
communities and a harmful thing in
others. This is one of the situations
in which more state control is ob-
viously required.—Harper's Weekly.

It is rather too bad that a story
of this sort could emanate from
Wisconsin, and as a whole it presents
an unjust impression of the school
situation in Wisconsin. Local con-
trol, so efficient in communities
where home-makers are in numer-
ous majority, fails in sparsely set-
tled sections where land is held for
speculation or the increment of fu-
ture settlement. We doubt the ad-
visability of abandoning local for
centralized control, but there should
be some state remedy for such cases
as that of which our eastern critic

speaks. That here in Wisconsin, the
advance ground of the new freedom
and universality of education, there
should exist even one isolated in-
stance of educational poverty, is un-
thinkable.

THE IMPOSSIBLE EXPERIMENT

Yuan Shi Kai, formerly president,
now king of China, is trying an ex-
periment as old as government, and
never yet permanently successful.
From the dawn of history in Greece
and Rome to contemporary Mexico,
the fate of the dictator has been fail-
ure and disgrace.

To Americans, who have watched
with interest this latest experiment in
the theory of government upon which
our nation is founded, Yuan's usurpa-
tion is a disappointment. Not be-
cause it spells the end of the democ-
ratic idea in China, for in all proba-
bility it does not. Young China is
awake, and all Yuan's coercion can-
not repress the stirring giant. Lib-
erty is up in China. Yuan and all
his satellites have not the power to
bind its limbs again. Those Chinese
young men at the University of Wis-
consin who cabled their protest at
news of Yuan's contemplated step,
those thousands who buzzed through
San Francisco's Chinatown like a
swarm of angry bees when the cable
told of the usurpation—they are in-
dications of the spirit with which the
new king of China must deal. He
has set his throne upon a dragon un-
bound.

Yuan has nearly completed the his-
toric cycle. He has rebelled against
his overlord, led the army to vic-
tory and set up popular government.
He has become a popular idol, head
of the representative administration.
And he has presumed upon his power
as a personification of the ideal
of liberty to seize the scepter of a
despot. It is a familiar procession
of events to the historian. As yet
the sequence is incomplete. Remains
yet the revolt which will cast down
the tyrant and raise again the stand-
ard of the people.

A small tumbler is responsible for
many of the slips attributed to the
cup.

IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush your Kidneys occa-
sionally if you eat meat
regularly.

No man or woman who eats meat
regularly can make a mistake by
flushing the kidneys occasionally,
says a well-known authority. Meat
forms uric acid which clogs the kid-
ney pores so they sluggishly filter
or strain only part of the waste and
poisons from the blood, then you get
sick. Nearly all rheumatism, head-
aches, liver trouble, nervousness,
constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness,
bladder disorders come from slug-
gish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache
in the kidneys or your back hurts,
or if the urine is cloudy, offensive,
full of sediment, irregular of pas-
sage or attended by a sensation of
scalding, get about four ounces of
Jad Salts from any reliable pharma-
cy and take a tablespoonful in a
glass of water before breakfast for
a few days and your kidneys will
then act fine. This famous salts is
made from the acid of grapes and
lemon juice, combined with lithia
and has been used for generations
to flush clogged kidneys and stimu-
late them to activity, also to neu-
tralize the acids in urine so it no
longer causes irritation, thus end-
ing bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and can-
not injure; makes a delightful ef-
fervescent lithia-water drink which
all regular meat eaters should take
now and then to keep the kidneys
clean and the blood pure, thereby
avoiding serious kidney complica-
tions.

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Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

Deserved Tribute
"You see, we have done everything
possible to preserve the Plymouth
Rock." "And I don't blame ye, New
England owes a heap to that breed
of hen."

Appropriate Fate
"What's become of the clerk you
used to have here, named Cannon?"
"I fired him. But where is your
old porter, Ball?"
"I bounced him."

Natural Consequence
"Where are you off to in such a
hurry?"
"To fetch the doctor for my hus-
band."

"What's up with him?"
"He tells me he has got hepatitis,
dyspepsia, rheumatism, enteritis, gas-
tritis, appendicitis, nephritis and ce-
rebro-spinal meningitis."

"Where did he get all that?"
"Why, a man induced him to buy
a medical dictionary, and he's just
begun reading it!"

No Room
A railway carriage was crowded.
By the window sat a very old gentle-
man. A boy selling buns poked his
head in at the door and inquired:
"Buns, sir?"

The old gentleman was slightly
deaf, and not noticing the buns,
thought the boy wanted a seat in the
already packed carriage, so he re-
marked:

"Full up, my boy, no more room
inside."

Not Her Quarrel
The fact that corporal punishment
is discouraged in some public schools
is what led Harry's teacher to ad-
dress this note to the lad's mother:

"Regret very much to have to in-
form you that your son Harry idles
away his time, is disobedient, quar-
relsome and disturbs the pupils who
are trying to study their lessons. He
needs a good whipping, and I strong-
ly recommend that you give him
one."

Whereupon Harry's mother re-
sponded as follows:

"Dear Miss Jones: Lick him your-
self. I ain't mad at him. Yours
truly, Mrs. Smith."

Retaliation
A singer who recently passed an
evening at the house of a lady stay-
ed late. As he rose to go the host-
ess said:

"Pray, don't go yet, Mr. Basso. I
want you to sing something for me."
"Oh, you must excuse me tonight.
It is very late, and I should disturb
the neighbors."

"Never mind the neighbors," an-
swered the lady, quickly; "they poi-
soned our dog yesterday."

**INSIDE
THE
LINES**
EARL DERR BIGGERS
Who Wrote
**SEVEN KEYS TO
BALTPATE**
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CHAPTER I.
Jane Gerson, Buyer.

"I had two trunks—two, you nin-
ny! Two! Ou est l'autre?"
The grinning customs guard lifted
his shoulders to his ears and spread
out his palms. "Mais, mamelle—"
"Don't you 'mais' me, sir! I had
two trunks—deux troncs—when I
got aboard that wabbly old boat at
Dover this morning, and I'm not go-
ing to budge from this wharf until I
find the other one. Where did you
learn your French, anyway? Can't
you understand when I speak your
language?"

The girl plumped herself down on
top of the unshaped trunk and folded
her arms truculently. With a quizz-
ical smile, the customs guard looked
down into her brown eyes, smolder-
ing dangerously now, and began all
over again his speech of explanation.
"Wagon-lit?" She caught a fami-
liar word. "Mais oui; that's where I
want to go—aboard your wagon-lit,
for Paris. Voila!"—the girl carefully
gave the word three syllables—
"mon ticket pour Paris!" She opened
her patent-leather reticule, rum-
maged furiously therein, brought out
a handkerchief, a tiny mirror, a
packet of rice papers, and at last a
folded and punched ticket. This she
displayed with a triumphant flourish.
"Voila! Il dit 'Miss Jane Gerson';
that's me—moi-meme, I mean. And
il dit 'deux troncs'; now you can't go
behind that, can you? Where is that
other trunk?"

A whistle shrieked back beyond
the swinging doors of the station.
Folk in the customs shed began a
last gathering together of parcels
and shawl straps, and a general ex-
odus toward the train sheds com-
menced. The girl on the trunk
looked appealingly about her; noth-
ing but bustle and confusion; no
Samaritan to turn aside and rescue
a fair traveler fallen among customs
guards. Her eyes filled with trouble,
and for an instant her radiant mouth
broke its line of determination; the
lower lip quivered suspiciously. Even
the guard started to walk away.

"Oh, oh, please don't go!" Jane
Gerson was on her feet, and her
hands shot out in an impulsive ap-
peal. "Oh, dear, maybe I forgot to tip
you. Here, attende au secours, if
you'll only find that other trunk be-
fore the train—"

"Pardon; but if I may be of any
assistance—"
Miss Gerson turned. A tallish, old-
young-looking man, in a gray lounge
suit, stood heels together and bent
stiffly in a bow. Nothing of the beau
or the boulevardier about his face or
manner. Miss Gerson accepted his in-
tervention as heaven-sent.

"Oh, thank you ever so much! The
guard, you see, doesn't understand
good French. I just can't make him
understand that one of my trunks is
missing. And the train for Paris—"
Already the stranger was rattling
incisive French at the guard. That
official bowed low, and with hands
and lips, gave rapid explanation. The
man in the gray lounge suit turned
to the girl.

"A little misunderstanding, Miss—
ah—"

"Gerson—Jane Gerson, of New
York," she promptly supplied.

"A little misunderstanding, Miss
Gerson. The customs guard says your
other trunk has already been exam-
ined, passed, and placed on the bag-
gage van. He was trying to tell you
that it would be necessary for you
to permit a porter to take this trunk
to the train before time for starting.
With your permission—"

The stranger turned and hailed to a
porter, who came running. Miss
Gerson had the trunk locked and
strapped in no time, and it was on
the shoulders of the porter.

"You have very little time, Miss
Gerson. The train will be making a
start directly. If I might—ah—pilot

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you through the station to the prop-
er train shed. I am not presuming?"

"You are very kind," she answered
hurriedly.

They set off, the providential Sa-
maritan in the lead. Through the
waiting-room and on to a broad plat-
form, almost deserted, they went. A
guard's whistle shrieked. The stran-
ger tucked a helping hand under
Jane Gerson's arm to steady her in
the sharp sprint down a long aisle
between tracks to where the Paris
train stood. It began to move before
they had reached its mid-length. A
guard threw open a carriage door, in
they hopped, and with a rattle of
chains and banging of buffers the
Express du Nord was off on its arrow
flight from Calais to the capital.

The carriage, which was of the
second class, was comfortably filled.
Miss Gerson stumbled over the feet
of a puffy Fleming nearest the door,
was launched into the lap of a com-
fortably upholstered widow on the
opposite seat, ricocheted back to
jam an elbow into a French gentle-
man's spread newspaper, and finally
was catapulted into a vacant space
next to the window on the carriage's
far side. She giggled, tucked the
skirts of her pearl-gray duster about
her, righted the chic sailor hat on
her chestnut-brown head, and patted
a stray wisp of hair back into place.
Her meteor flight into and through
the carriage disturbed her not a
whit.

As for the Samaritan, he stood un-
certainly in the narrow cross aisle,
swaying to the swing of the car-
riage and reconnoitering seating pos-
sibilities. There was a place, a very
narrow one, next to the flat Flem-
ing; also there was a vacant place
next to Jane Gerson. The Samaritan

caught the girl's glance in his inde-
cision, read in it something frankly
comradely, and chose the seat beside
her.

"Very good of you, I'm sure," she
murmured. "I did not wish to pre-
sume—"

"You're not," the girl assured, and
there was something so fresh, so in-
genious, in the tone and the level
glance of her brown eyes that the
Samaritan felt all at once distinctly
satisfied with the cast of fortune that
had thrown him in the way of a dis-
tressed traveler. He sat down with a
lighting of the checkered Alpine hat
he wore and a stiff little bow from
the waist.

"If I may, Miss Gerson—I am Cap-
tain Woodhouse, of the signal ser-
vice."

"Oh!" The girl let slip a little gasp
—the meed of admiration the femi-
nine heart always pays to shoulder
straps. "Signal service; that means
the army?"

"His majesty's service; yes, Miss
Gerson."

"You are, of course, off duty?"
she suggested, with the faintest pos-
sible tinge of regret at the absence
of the stripes and buttons that spell
"soldier" with the woman.

(To Be Continued)

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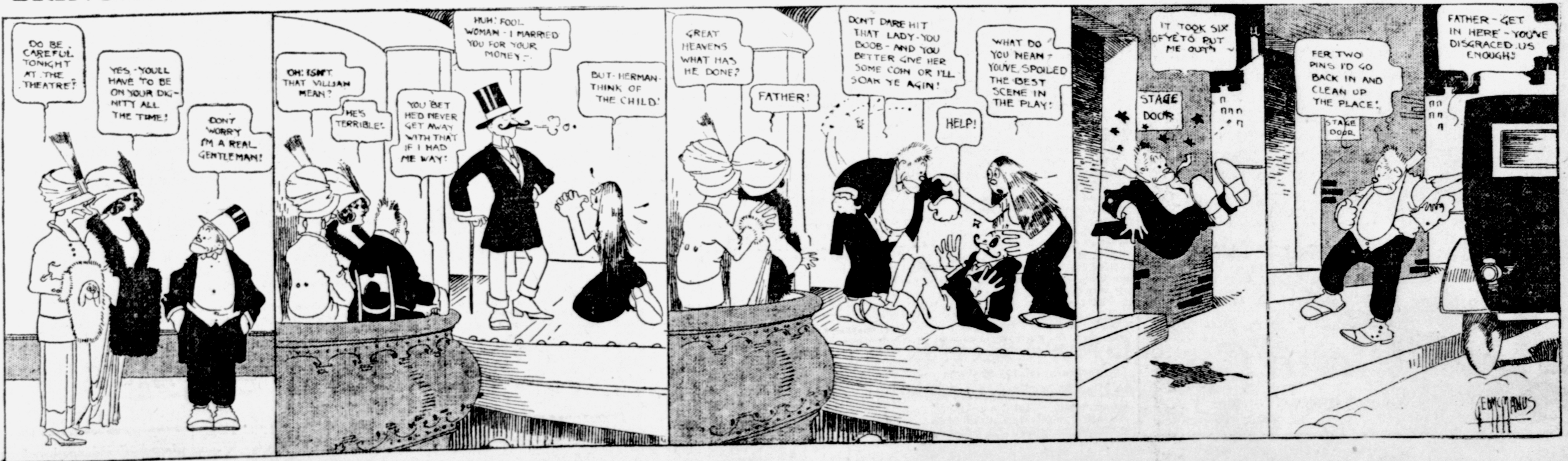


H. B. SMITH, Ticket Agent.

BRINGING UP FATHER

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By **GEORGE McMANUS**



All the details of the affair have not been arranged as yet. It was first suggested that the ball be held in the assembly chamber. It has been decided, however, that this arrangement would be inadequate and that it will be more satisfactory to have it in the rotunda of the first floor. A mammoth orchestra will be seated on one of the balconies and if, on trial, the acoustics are adequate, the students, alumni, state officials, and others who take in the big hon will

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ONALASKA "AGGIE" STUDENTS READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Entertainment on Friday Night to Mark the Closing of Farm College for Two Weeks

ONALASKA, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will be entertained in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, December 16. The serving committee consists of Mesdames F. E. Nichols, Louis Ribbe, August Riebe, J. C. Roddle, F. W. Ristow and L. J. Rand.

Students Give Play
The students of the Agricultural school went to Holmen Saturday evening where they presented their play, "Billy's Bungalow."

School Board Meets
The annual school board and Teachers' convention will meet at the Agricultural school Thursday. The students of the school will serve dinner at noon.

School Closes
A Christmas tree and program will be given at the county agricultural school Friday afternoon, after which the school closes for a two weeks' vacation.

Bangor Wins
The basketball game played between Onalaska high and the Bangor high at the agricultural pavilion Saturday evening resulted in a score of 41 to 36 in favor of Bangor.

Local and Personal
Grandma Sjolander returned home last week after spending two months with friends at Holmen.

Postmaster B. S. Shove visited at the John Towner home in Trempealeau Saturday and Sunday.

The grades of the city school will present a play entitled, "Santa at Sea," Thursday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

The funeral of Mrs. Moos of Sand Lake Coulee was held Sunday afternoon from the German Lutheran church in this city. Interment was made in the Onalaska cemetery.

A number of men from Onalaska attended the Mason's meeting at West Salem Monday evening.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Stations	(Lo)	(Hi)	(P.)
Boston	36	48	0
Charleston	29	34	0
New York	22	32	0
Washington	22	32	0
Galveston	64	66	0
Jacksonville	42	58	0
New Orleans	50	60	0
Chicago	12	18	0
La Crosse	8	16	0
Madison	42	44	10
Memphis	12	18	0
Milwaukee	18	20	04
Bismarck	20	22	01
Huron	30	30	0
Kansas City	16	20	0
St. Paul	24	36	12
Boise	30	64	0
Denver	20	34	24
Helena	20	30	18
Miles City	38	46	02
Portland, Ore.	22	32	0
Spokane	10	28	0
Medicine Hat			

DEFENCE TALK AT CONGRESS

CHARLESTON, Dec. 15.—National defence had attention at the Southern Commercial congress here today.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels is to speak on "The Navy and National Defence," and Secretary of War Garrison on "The Army and National Defence" at the morning session. This afternoon there was to be a military and naval parade.

AMATEUR CHAMP IS PROFESSIONAL NOW



Frankie Gibbons.

Frankie Gibbons of Chicago, claimant of the amateur championship among the bantam-weight boxers, is now a full-fledged professional mixer.

GETS BIG TOBACCO ORDER

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 15.—The F. G. Borden company today started to fill the largest order ever received by a Wisconsin tobacco firm. The order calls for 1,500,000 pounds of the weed. It will take ninety cars to transport it to Baltimore, Md. From there it will be sent to an Amsterdam firm.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES 2,244,248

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The total Prussian losses to date are 2,244,248, according to Rotterdam dispatches today. No accurate figures as to the losses among Saxon, Wurtemberg, and Bavarian troops are obtainable.



INSURANCE PROBE GETS INTO LARGE FIELD OF FIGURES

Crownhart's Questions Cover Wide Scope to Prove Discrimination Against Wisconsin

CHARGES RATES WERE JUGGLED

Expects to Prove Risks Are Written Below Cost Elsewhere While State Pays 300 Per Cent Too Much

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—When Neal Brown of Wausau filed his original petition with the insurance commissioner, asking him to oust nineteen eastern liability insurance companies for violating certain Wisconsin laws, he opened up the way to a tremendous realm of facts and figures of vital importance to business. This was made clear during the first day's proceeding before Insurance Commissioner Cleary and the members of the Industrial commission, who were requested by the insurance commissioner to sit with him during the proceeding.

Makes All Rates

Attorney C. H. Crownhart, acting for Mr. Brown, indicated the tremendous scope of the proceeding when he began to go into the history, methods, objects and accomplishments of the Workmen's Compensation service bureau. This bureau is a combine of nineteen companies which write workmen's compensation insurance in Wisconsin. The same bureau makes rates for this state and practically every other state in the union. Stanley L. Otis, actuary of the bureau, said on the stand that the bureau's chief object was to make insurance rates for the various states based on actual statistics. Crownhart's line of questions indicated that he intended to prove that the bureau in reality juggled the rates in such a manner as to stifle competition in some states by writing insurance at low rates and at the same time charging extortionate rates in other states where competition was absent. In this connection it was shown that rates are relatively higher in Wisconsin than in any other state.

Hirshheimer Officer

Neal Brown, who started the present proceedings, was present throughout the day's hearing. He was accompanied by H. J. Hage, Mr. Brown is president and Mr. Hage is secretary of the Employers' Mutual Liability Insurance company of Wisconsin, with offices at Wausau. Mr. Brown, while making the petition, acts also for the following well-known men who are officers of the same insurance company: C. C. Yawkey, Wausau; G. D. Jones, Wausau; A. Hirshheimer, La Crosse; L. M. Alexander, Milwaukee; Walter Alexander, Wausau; A. C. Downing, Milwaukee; J. H. Optenberg, Sheboygan; M. A. Wertheimer, Kaukauna; L. E. Geer, Manitowish; Geo. E. Foster, Mellen, and W. W. Vincent, Kenosha.

Harry L. Butler, attorney for the bureau companies, made a general objection to the scope of the proceedings at the outset of the hearing. He said that the insurance commissioner had no jurisdiction beyond acting upon specific violations of law by individual companies. Attorney Crownhart disputed this view and said that the history of the bureau's methods was the history of the methods of individual companies.

To Show Discrimination

At various stages of the proceedings, the attorneys held brief arguments on the admission of evidence. When Mr. Butler had objected several times, Mr. Crownhart addressed the commissioners sitting en banc with dramatic emphasis, saying, "If it is true that the Workmen's Compensation bureau is actually basing its rates on real experience and endeavoring to be fair, we have no standing in this proceeding. I expect to prove, however, that the bureau's fixing of rates has been influenced by competitive conditions in various localities. It is writing insurance at less than cost in some states and charging 300 per cent of the cost in other states. We expect to show these motives and purposes by referring to conditions in other states as well as in Wisconsin."

Dr. E. H. Downey, known throughout the country as an expert on liability insurance rates and workmen's compensation on experience, was on the stand this afternoon. When he was asked to explain why the insurance rates fixed by the bureau were lower in New York than in Wisconsin, despite the fact that compensation is on a higher standard in the eastern state, he asked to be excused from answering. It developed that in the course of a conversation with the manager of the bureau, the latter had explained to him the reasons why the bureau discriminated in favor of New York manufacturers. This reason, however, was not given by Mr. Downey because Attorney Crownhart did not press the question. When Mr. Whitney is put on the stand it is likely that the whole story will come out.

BOARD NAMES LAWYER

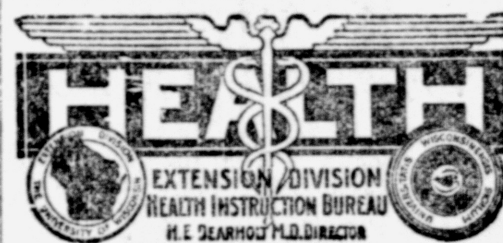
MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—R. L. Clark of Madison, formerly clerk of courts of Rock county, has been appointed to a legal position with the railroad commission, according to the announcement of Commissioner Carl D. Jackson today. During the past two years Mr. Clark has been connected with a local law firm. The salary of the position will probably be \$1,800 a year.

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EDWARD TRUDEAU, CREDITOR

Edward Trudeau is dead. You probably do not even know his name and yet he was one of the greatest men in this country. Had he made automobiles or breakfast foods; had he been the mayor of a large city or the governor of a state; or a soldier who had killed thousands, the papers would have devoted much space to the notice of his death and to the accomplishments of his life.

Edward Trudeau was a great man. However, history will give but brief notice to his name because he dedicated his life to saving others.

In 1872 he contracted tuberculosis and went to Saranac lake and began the great fight for his own life. Although he lived forty-three years longer, he never succeeded in obtaining a cure or even an arrest

of the disease. But during those forty-three years he directly and indirectly saved the lives of thousands and thousands of his fellow citizens—this by opening the first open-air tuberculosis sanatorium in the United States and thereby setting the pace for the nation.

The accomplishments of this man, handicapped by his disease, have been a great inspiration to me while the following paragraph is, in my opinion, a masterpiece which should be read by all. It was his address of welcome as honorary president of the International Congress on Tuberculosis held in 1908. In reading this consider what has been accomplished since that time and what reverence you and your family owe to him and his disciples.

"As a pioneer and veteran in the struggle against tuberculosis in this country, I welcome the International Congress to our shores. For forty-five years I have lived in the midst of a perpetual epidemic, struggling with tuberculosis both within and without the walls, and no one can appreciate better than I do the great meaning of such a meeting. I have

lived through many of the long dark years of ignorance, hopelessness, and apathy, when tuberculosis leveled its pitiless toll on human life, unheeded and unhindered; when, as Jaccoud has tersely put it, the treatment of tuberculosis was but a meditation on death! But I have lived to see the dawn of a new knowledge, to see the fall of the death-rate of tuberculosis, to see hundreds who have been rescued, to see whole communities growing up of men and women whose lives have been saved and who are engaged in saving the lives of others. I have lived to see the spread of a new light from nation to nation until it has encircled the globe and finds expression today in the gathering of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, with all that it means to science, philanthropy, and the brotherhood of man. But the end is not yet, and I bid the congress godspeed in the great task that is before it."

Not a few men have an idea that they can get the best of an argument if they make the most noise.

FROM ODESSA RUSSIANS THREATEN MOVE AGAINST BULGARS



Odessa and harbor, showing Russian transport ships.

From Odessa, the most important port on the Black Sea, the Russians threaten a great movement against Bulgaria. Note the large number of transport ships ready to sail for the Bulgarian port of Varna. A good-sized Russian army is now at Odessa in readiness for any move that may be made by the Russians against the Bulgars.

THE STRAND (LAST TIMES IN LA CROSSE)

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POLICE AT SEA IN DECIDING WHAT TO DO WITH TAYLOR

Disposition to Be as Easy as Possible on Young Policeman Father of Two Babies

While Ray Taylor sat in a corner of squad-room at the police station this morning, dandling his babies on his knee and talking in a low voice to his girl wife, Police Chief Webber and detectives for the Milwaukee railroad were in conference in an adjoining room, discussing what shall be done with the railroad policeman who has confessed stealing hundreds of dollars worth of goods from box-cars of his employers. At noon today they had arrived at no decision as to what charge shall be laid against Taylor, or when he will be taken into court.

There is a disposition to be as lenient as possible in the treatment of the young man, for the sake of his pretty eighteen-year-old wife and her two kiddies. One is three. The other is a baby in arms. Their mother brought them to see Taylor today. She has determined to "stick" with her husband in his troubles.

More of Taylor's loot from box cars was recovered today. Furs and clothing he had given to friends were traced and claimed, and several cameras he sold to local dealers were recovered.

In his statement to the police Taylor has assigned no motive for the wholesale thefts of freight shipments. Chief Webber said today that the man had been in no financial trouble that he could discover.

"He doesn't know himself why he took the stuff," the chief said.

NECEDAH PLANS TO REBUILD BEFORE ASHES ARE COOLED

(Continued from Page One)

the two not burned, was sold out last night and they were forced to close doors.

Workers started early today to remove the debris and plans are being made for the rebuilding of the ruined district.

CHAMBERLAIN HAS VISIONS OF ARMY OF FIVE MILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A United States army of five million men in two years was forecasted today by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military affairs committee, in a statement urging compulsory service.

After going over his citizen army bill, with army officers, the senator estimated that 2,518,882 men between 18 and 23 would be trained under it the first year and that the increase of those coming into the army from cadet classes would more than double it the second year. Thereafter, the increase probably would be in proportion to the increase in population.

FIRE DISCOVERED ON SHIP

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—Fire was discovered in the bunkers of the steamer Au Sable before she sailed from this port Sunday, it became known this afternoon. The damage was confined to the buckling of two casing plates. The origin is unknown.

Sunset Cake

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HUNTERS EAT DOE AND DEFEND THE STATE BUCK LAW

Tales of Hundreds of Killed Females Left to Rot Are All Bunk Says Mr. Barber

AND ONLY ONE HUNTER SLAIN

That's to Be Remembered in Considering Wisdom of Buck Law Says the Commissioner

State Conservation Commissioner W. E. Barber, former county supervisor and a staunch supporter of the nation-wide movement to protect wild life, hung a deer permit above the table of honor at the Northwestern Hotel last night and the fourth annual venison dinner of the La Crosse County Hunting and Fishing association was in progress. About 200 persons were in attendance and the affair was probably the most successful in the history of the association.

They Ate Doe
The meat of a young doe, killed in the northern Wisconsin woods and confiscated by the state under the new "Buck law," took honors among several courses. The larger dining tables formed a semi-circle. The speakers and officers of the association occupied a table in the center. Guests who were accompanied by their wives were given places at a special table. Vari-colored carnations were placed as favors before each guest's place. The masculine portion of the banquet made havas the last course, and as their aroma filled the room, Attorney C. H. Schweizer, toastmaster of the evening, arose. He called attention to the absence of County Judge John Brindley, a familiar figure at all venison dinners in the past, and with a few remarks introduced Conservation Commissioner Barber.

Attorney Ray Graves of Sparta, who addressed the last Wisconsin legislature on the merits of the "Buck law," and who has for years fought for the protection of the birds and game of Wisconsin, was the other scheduled speaker of the evening. State Senator Otto Bossard, another supporter of legislation pertaining to game conservation, pledged his support for good laws in that direction, and made an urgent plea for co-operation of all hunters and fishermen in Wisconsin with the movement to preserve wild life.

Praise New Law
Conservation was the paramount theme of the evening. The speakers referred to the tremendous decrease in the death of hunters in the Wisconsin woods this year, and charged it to the new deer laws.

"I was opposed to the former system of game wardens," said Commissioner Barber, in opening his address, the first of the evening, "as it was then operated. We are now a conservation commission, and our mission is no joke. We are trying to instill in the minds of the hunters and fishermen of this state the fact that there must be perpetuation of birds and animals, and to show the right manner of going about this."

"Fishing and hunting is certainly man's right. I remember when the passenger pigeons used to fly over this section of the state in clouds so thick they seemed to number millions. The last one known anywhere died recently in a zoo. It was twenty-three years old. Five other species of birds have gone—they are entirely extinct. And now we are trying to keep what remains."

Commissioner Barber told of the extensive state park being done by his commission. "You may not be aware of it," he said, "but Wisconsin has some of the most beautiful natural parks to be found anywhere." He named the parks at Devil's Lake, in Poke county, Door county and Grant county.

"Fish can be propagated," the speaker continued, "and this work is being carried on all the time, but we cannot do this with birds. We are placing millions of bass and trout fry in the lakes and streams of Wisconsin, but this other and larger problem must be left largely to you—the hunters and fishermen."

"I want to talk about the much discussed Wisconsin 'Buck law.' A great many hunters think it is a bad bit of legislation. Nine states have it, however. California has had the law for twenty years. The assistant game warden of that state was in my office at Madison recently. He told me that every hunter in his state was in back of the law, and that it did not have an enemy among the true sportsmen. This man told me that the sportsmen all work together that the law may be upheld and that each man is a game warden in himself, so diligent are they."

"The deer in the state of Massachusetts were almost extinct. They obtained a few, protected them, and now with the aid of the 'Buck law' have fair hunting."

Few Dead Does
"Mythical stories of hundreds of does being killed in the northern woods this year are scattered broadcast all over the state. We had fifty game wardens in the woods this year, and they found a total of but six, dead does."

"A newspaper in the city of Superior printed alleged interviews with several prominent men. I pocketed the paper and went to that city, and only one of the men whose names were attached to the interviews, had seen a dead doe. They were reported to have said they had seen them by the score."

"We are your servants. There are 9,000,000 acres of woods and uncultivated lands in the northern part of the state. It is a big territory, but if you will help us we can stop the slaughter. An association at

CONSTANTINE ILL AND BALKAN CASE AGAIN PERPLEXES

Political Situation Complicated as Elections Approach During King's Disability

BULGARS NOT OVER BORDER

Battle at Frontier Becomes Quiet When the Allies Retreat Further

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The political situation at Athens has been further complicated by the sudden illness of King Constantine, according to a special dispatch to The Chronicle, today.

"The king is suffering from a mild attack of influenza and a slight fever," wired the correspondent. "His physicians have advised him to remain in his room and not to participate in state affairs."

Though not confirmed from any other source, the report aroused keen interest here. Because of the delicate situation created by the allied retreat into Greece and because of the Greek elections next Sunday, the king's inability to take the leading role in affairs at this time might have important results. King Constantine only recently recovered from a serious illness.

Lull in Battle
ATHENS, Dec. 15.—Official dispatches to the war office reported a lull in the battle along the Serbo-Greek border and declared that no large force of Bulgars has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Scouting parties that advanced over the border in pursuit of the allies, immediately withdrew, it was stated, upon discovering their mistake. It is not believed in official circles that Bulgarian troops will enter Greece.

Pending new developments at the frontier, the government has no announcement to make, it was declared.

"The ministry has decided to shape its policy according to the course of events," said a semi-official statement.

The main body of expeditionary forces has retreated further toward Salonika. Scarcely more than a division of Anglo-French troops remained in the trenches prepared just inside the Greek border to oppose an advance by Bulgarians or Teutons.

Reports of the invasion of Greece by Bulgarian troops came from Salonika. Greek military authorities thought these reports might have been started by excited civilians in Salonika, who, fearing an attack by invading armies, already have made preparations to leave.

Troops Withdrawn
SALONIKA, Dec. 15.—The partial withdrawal of Greek troops from the vicinity of Salonika, under the agreement with the Anglo-French will begin late today. Twelve thousand Greek troops will remain here.

MOLL AND SAVAGE SPLIT THE BUSINESS

Changes in the proprietorship of the Moll-Savage Motor company were announced today by Myron D. Savage and Alex L. Moll. Mr. Moll has purchased Mr. Savage's interest in the agency branch of the auto business, and will operate that part of the business by himself. Mr. Savage has taken over Mr. Moll's share of the machine and repair shop department. The men formerly operated both parts of the business together. The policy and the name of the concern will not be changed, and the partnership will still be retained.

BRITISH BASE SHELLED

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Turkish forces in Mesopotamia shelled the British base at Kut-el-Amara for three days and then delivered two attacks, both of which were repulsed, General Townshend reported today.

Ashland recently voted on the 'Buck law,' and there were only seven dissenting votes out of sixty-one.

Only One Hunter Killed
"Only one man has been killed in the Wisconsin woods this year, and this is a fact that must be considered in censoring the new deer laws. Many other years, the number killed has reached twenty-five. Hunters who are allowed to shoot at any deer they see become far too careless."

"The folks at home will feel far more safe with you, Mr. Hunter, out on your annual trip, when they know there is a law which will compel the other hunter to look before he shoots."

Must Work With Nature
"We must learn to co-operate with nature to regain our big loss in game," said Attorney Ray Graves, of Sparta, the second speaker of the evening. Attorney Graves spoke on "Facts Relating to Fish and Game in Wisconsin."

"Some of the legislation pertaining to Wisconsin wild life, enacted in the past, has been disappointing to me. The majority of the legislators seemed to be wholly ignorant of the subject, and before they could act intelligently on the subject, they had to be educated. That took time."

"We have gone about as far as we can without the concerted help of ever hunter and fishermen. There have been too many small laws, having to do with only small communities here and there. You can't save birds alone by protection. The murder of the duck goes on in spite of the excellent government migratory bird laws. We must co-operate with nature, and the 'Buck law' is the biggest step in this direction."

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THE DOME

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY Helen Gardner in "Pieces of Silver." Charlie Chaplin and "Mabel's Busy Man."

"The Property Man"

THE CASINO

See Ad on Page 12.

THE STRAND

See Ad on Page 5.

Hundred Thousand Autos Will Bear Wisconsin Plates

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—There will be 100,000 automobile licenses issued in Wisconsin this year, according to the state officials, after they saw the stacks of applications for licenses in today's mail.

This is the first day allowed by the law for action on applications for permits to run an auto. There were about 5,000 applications piled up when the clerks started to work this morning. Last year 80,000 permits were issued and it is believed that this year's total will be close to 100,000. A new bright red and white license plate will be carried by the cars during 1915.

Senator Robert M. La Follette was granted his usual No. 2. A Madison automobile dealer procured No. 1.

WESTERN DRAMA IN TRIANGLE FILMS

William S. Hart in "The Disciple"; Hale Hamilton and Polly Moran in "Her Painted Hero"

William S. Hart, originator of the role of "Messala" in Beh Hur, makes his bow to the movies as star in "The Disciple", an Ince production which opens tomorrow at the Majestic. The startling transformation of a frontier missionary into a real "bad man" under the provocation of having his wife stolen from him by a smooth ex-physician and proprietor of a saloon gives this display actor ample opportunity to display emotional and dramatic effects in "The Disciple."

The movie is produced by Thomas H. Ince with the fidelity to detail which marks all Triangle plays.

Hale Hamilton, comedy star of "A Pair of Sixes," is co-star with Polly Moran in the Sennett comedy which is the other half of the Majestic's new bill, called "Her Painted Hero." It is an amusing burlesque of stage life, and that long lean person, Slim Summerville, has an active part.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind assistance during our late bereavement in the death of our father. Especially do we thank the employees of the La Crosse Rubber Mills and all who sent floral offerings. Signed SIEBER CHILDREN.

GRAIN STEAMER BURNS AT WHARF

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 15.—The Northern Navigation company's steamer Maestic burned at her dock at Point Edward, Ont., opposite this port, today. The Maestic carried grain, freight and passengers between Port William and points on the lower lake. She was a wooden vessel. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WOULD YOU DEFY BOREAL BLASTS? HERE'S THE WAY

Eat Less and Walk More. Wear Rubbers and Keep Your Wrists Warm Says the State Board

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—How to keep well and comfortable during the cold weather is largely a matter of personal hygiene. Suitable clothing and habitations come in as important factors, according to advice suggested for general adoption by the state board of health. Methods of living for a young and healthy person may be injurious to one older and more readily susceptible to sickness.

Consumption can be cured by fresh air, good food and rest. Agencies that are important in the prevention of tuberculosis are equally important in the prevention of other ailments, says the board.

Eat Less!
Overfeeding and improper feeding are commonly the cause of organic troubles in later life, such as hardening of the arteries, Bright's disease, heart lesions and liver trouble. Most people eat far too much and too frequently. Especially is meat consumed in too large quantities. It is well to abolish the notion in winter that a little fruit, a roll and some coffee are enough for breakfast. There is no time such as during cold weather. The body, like an engine, in winter, must have a proper amount of good fuel to perform its work.

Keep the skin in active and healthy condition by proper bathing and exercise. The bath should be taken upon rising in the morning. A prolonged cold tub or shower bath, unless one is thoroughly accustomed to it, particularly in winter, is neither healthful nor desirable. Exceptions are where some persons have higher resisting powers than the average.

Exercise!
Exercise for warmth. Walking is available for nearly everyone. Walk three to five miles a day, or even more. Exercise brings more blood to the surface to assist in overcoming the effect of the external cold, aids in elimination and brings about good active digestion, all of which is important not only in resisting the sensation of cold but also in resisting the agencies of disease. Generally speaking, wool underwear offers the best protection against the low temperature being a poor conductor of heat and cold. This is not to say that a wool garment may not have a reasonable percentage of cotton or silk. In this climate at least two weights of undergarments are necessary to ensure comfort. There is always danger in wearing too heavy undergarments indoors in cold weather. This tends to keep the body in a state of mild perspiration and moist, and on going out into the cold the sensation of chill is immediately felt. This manner of dress predisposes one to a condition known as "catching cold."

Impure air is responsible for many ills prevalent in winter months. Apartments, workshops and offices are often overheated, sometimes to 80 or 85 degrees, and the windows are kept carefully closed. The temperature of rooms should be kept at 68 or 70 degrees, and if necessary to keep windows closed in order to maintain this temperature they should be opened for a few minutes at stated times during the day to fill the rooms with fresh air.

Keep Wrists and Ankles Warm!
When it is necessary to remain outdoors for a considerable time in cold weather, heavy clothing or wraps should be donned upon leaving heated rooms, and immediately removed upon re-entering them. Don't be ashamed to wear rubbers and overshoes in cold and wet weather. Rubbers are not uncomfortable if removed upon entering the house. It is important while weathering the cold to keep the wrists and ankles warm, as at these points a large amount of blood comes to the surface and is subject to being chilled, such chilling affecting the entire system.

Sleeping apartments should always have plenty of fresh air. Night air is just as healthy as the day air, and often more so, because there is usually less dust at night, resulting from cessation of traffic. Carrying out the simple principles of proper exercise, proper food three times a day, proper dress and proper ventilation of rooms will reduce the frequency of catching cold or the contraction of more serious diseases from 60 to 75 per cent.

WAR COSTS FRANCE \$16,000,000 DAILY

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The war has cost France on an average more than \$5,000,000 a day, since its beginning, according to estimates presented to the chamber of deputies this afternoon. At present, however, it is estimated that the war is costing France well above \$16,000,000 a day.

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LOOK OUT! HERE IT COMES WHAT? ANOTHER STORM

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Life will be just one blamed snow-storm after another in the middle west for the next few days, the weather bureau announced today.

A storm now centering in the Rockies is hot on the heels of the blizzard that reached New York yesterday. It will bring more snow and rain to the central states tonight and tomorrow.

RAILROADS OPEN FIGHT TODAY FOR BETTER CONDITIONS

Four Organizations Convene in Chicago to Frame Demands to the Roads

SHORTER HOURS ARE WANTED

Chief Demand to Be That Working Hours Be Decreased Not to Affect Wages

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The fight of 365,000 railroad men for an eight hour day without decrease of pay was launched in earnest today at the joint convention of the four great railway brotherhoods at the Auditorium hotel.

Seventy-two delegates, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen convened shortly after 10 o'clock to frame demands on every railroad in the United States.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, today declared negotiations with the railroads' management will "be firm but friendly."

"In other words," he said, "we're going to the mat, but we're not waving any red flag."

Timothy Shea, head of the firemen; W. G. Lee, chief of the conductors, and A. F. Whitman, head of the trainmen's organization, announced all internal differences had been settled and that the four organizations stand as a unit on their negotiations.

"For the first time," said Stone, "we are meeting together at one time. We will first decide just what our demands will be. This will occupy several days. Later we will determine the method of presenting the demands to the railroads."

Hours Too Long
It was generally understood that the principal demand will be for an eight hour day at the present rate of pay, a decrease in hours without decrease of wages. At present, the only limitation on the hours of work is the federal sixteen hour law. There is no uniformity in the hours of engineers or other trainmen. Their runs may occupy eight, nine, ten or any number of hours up to sixteen, the limit provided by law.

For work after eight hours, time and a half pay will be demanded. "But it is the eight hour day we are chiefly interested in," said a delegate today. "Demand of time and a half for over-time would practically prohibit the railways from working us longer than eight hours."

Strike Broached
Some changes in working conditions will be sought. The present agreement, which the railway men termed arbitrary, expires April 30. Possibility of a strike May 1 was admitted by the delegates. They are firmly against federal mediation.

Mediation of the Chicago Belt line strike, tying up thousands of cars of freight in the yards, was attempted today by the federal board of conciliation and mediation, in an effort to prevent a general strike of all yardmen in Chicago.

ALL AMERICANS IN MONASTIR SAVED BY BULGARIANS
BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent)
SALONIKA, Dec. 15.—All Americans remaining in Monastir after Bulgarian occupation of the city are unharmed, according to Walter Farwell of Chicago, who made an unsuccessful effort to reach his wife, a newspaper correspondent. Mrs. Farwell was in Monastir when the city fell.

G. F. Laughlin of Boise, Idaho, member of the American sanitary commission, accompanied Farwell in his trip into Serbia. Greek military authorities escorted them to the border and rendered every possible assistance.

BELOIT MEN TAKE STAND IN HEARING

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Beloit business men occupied the stand here today at the hearing by the interstate commerce commission made by Madison, Beloit, Anesville and Watertown commercial organizations against interstate freight rates.

A. W. Chesebrough of the Chesebrough-Morris company, President Alvin Snider, president of the Business Men's association; F. W. Thompson of the Gardner Machine works, and W. A. Smith of the Beloit Iron works, all testified that Beloit was discriminated against in competition with Rockford, Ill., on class rates from eastern points and that they had to contend with unfair competition for this reason.

Examiner F. B. Dow today adjourned the hearing until January 4.

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Christmas Slippers

We have the largest stock of Slippers in town for men, women, boys and girls. We can sell them to you at a big saving. We give it to our customers, not the landlord.

Women's all felt slippers, felt soles, 75c value 49c
Men's all felt slippers, felt soles, 85c value 59c
Women's felt Juliet, fur trimmed, all colors, \$1.25 value 95c
Children's Red Felt Moccasin slippers, 75c value 49c
Men's Velvet House Slippers, 75c value 59c
Women's fur trimmed leather sole Juliet, colors, \$1.25 value \$1.15

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SHOE CO

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FOUR MILE HOUSE TO REMAIN OPEN PENDING DECISION

Judge O'Neil Grants Petition of Defense in Linley Law Case This Morning

The Four Mile House, the old Cord Smith resort on the Salem road now operated by C. H. Nack, will be allowed to remain open pending the outcome of a Linley law action brought by District Attorney Otto M. Schlachach to close the establishment for one year.

Judge O'Neil, of Neilsville, Wis., who was called here to sit in the case by Judge E. C. Higbee, this morning granted the petition of Attorney Clark L. Hood, counsel for Nack. An affidavit of prejudice was filed against Judge Higbee last week, and the case is now in the hands of Judge O'Neil. Attorney Hood today offered lengthy counter-claims, in the form of affidavits which denied the allegations of District Attorney Schlachach.

Judge O'Neil granted Mrs. Nellie Schnick, divorced wife of Julius Schnick, the sum of \$2 per week alimony. The woman's testimony showed that she had been receiving only \$1 each week, and that she was forced to wash clothes to support her children.

HARRIS ASSUMES CHARGE AT WALES HOFFMAN OUSTED

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—In an effort to circumvent legal proceedings over the ouster order of the state board of control against Dr. Nordman Hoffman, superintendent of the Wales Sanatorium, which was to have taken effect today, George B. Harris, a member of the state board of control has been sent to Wales to take charge of the institution. Hoffman's resignation was asked for by the board to take effect December 15. He has refused to hand in his resignation and the board decided today to designate one of its own members to take charge of the institution in order to get Hoffman out. A successor to Hoffman will be elected later.

Dr. Hoffman is the man who, assuming that criticism aimed at higher authorities by Dr. Edward Evans, of this city, was meant for him individually, threatened to bring a \$25,000 libel suit.

MENTAL DECREPIT A SUICIDE

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—A. H. Rogers, 50, under treatment for a mental complaint, leaped to his death from the fifth floor of an office building here today. He was waiting in a doctor's office just before taking the fatal leap.

BODY TO MILWAUKEE

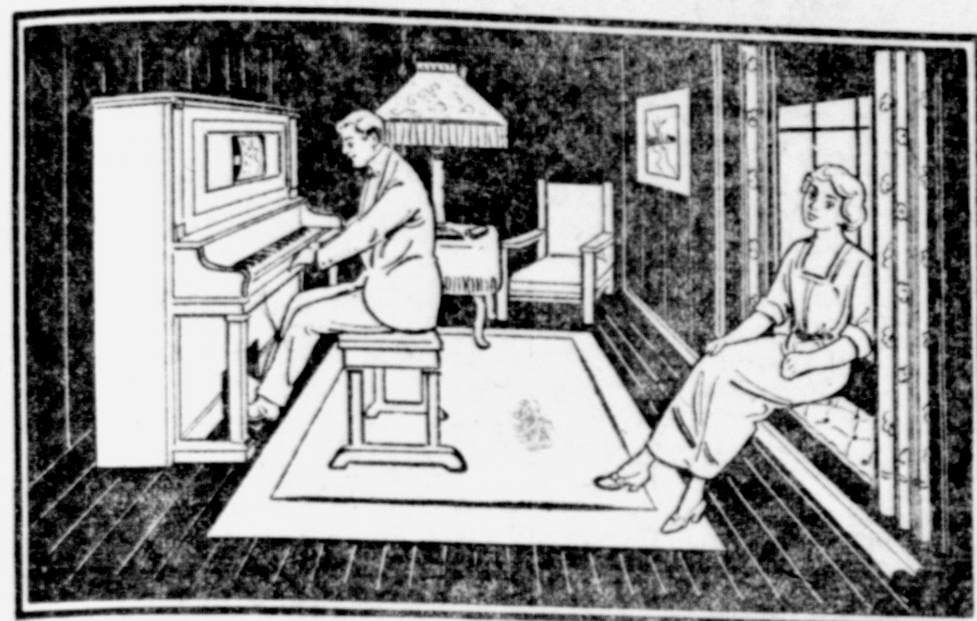
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The body of Gordon Bigelow, member of the Chicago and Milwaukee boards of trade, who died last Monday of pneumonia, at Evanston, will be taken to Milwaukee this afternoon for burial.

Skunk and Muskrat

We need large quantities of Raw Furs and Beef Hides, and will pay highest market prices. Furs of all kinds are in big demand and are bringing big prices. See us before selling.

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In excellent variety. In fact, ours is an assortment which every lover of the Mandolin should know about. Amateurs and professional people wishing a perfect scale instrument will find it here at various prices.

Stop in and inspect our stock of Gibson and Washburn Mandolins and other string instruments.

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325 MAIN STREET

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON GROWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Census reports show cotton, exclusive of linters, consumed in November—514,534 running bales in 1915 compared with 429,706 in 1914 of which 285,435 bales were consumed in cotton growing states in 1915 and 236,465 in 1914.

Cotton held in consuming establishments on November 30—1,613,119 bales in 1915 and 1,062,192 in 1914 and in public storage and at

compresses 4,982,472 bales in 1915 and 4,998,414 in 1914. Imports 21,169 equivalent 500 pound bales in 1915 and 13,454 in 1914. Exports, including linters 527,629 running bales in 1915 and 760,929 in 1914. Cotton spindles active during November 31,497,425 in 1915 and 30,425,797 in 1914.

Linters held in consuming establishments November 30—151,697 bales in 1915 and 78,343 in 1914 and in public storage and at compresses 116,787 bales in 1915 and 56,770 in 1914. Exported during November 14,848 bales in 1915, and 7,267 in 1914.

MANY BABY FARMS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—About 100 applications for licenses had been received from maternity hospitals and "baby farms" in the state up to today in compliance with the law passed by the last legislature which requires that all such institutions possess state permits. There are about 300 of these in the state. The law goes into effect January 1.

To Clean Brass.

To clean brass flower pots or trays rub them with a piece of lemon; then pour boiling water over them, and finally polish with a soft, dry cloth.

HERE ARE TIPS ON HOW TO RUN THE FURNACE WISELY

First Learn Eccentricities of Your Particular Furnace Says the State Board of Health

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—How to run a hot air furnace, conserve the heat, reduce the fuel bill, and conform to twentieth century rules for ventilation and health in the winter time, is the subject of a few seasonal suggestions emanating from the state board of health. It is of timely importance, the first injunction reads, "to learn to know your furnace." A furnace is like the human body—it has eccentricities peculiar to itself and must be studied as a doctor studies a patient. These pointers are given:

High in Middle

"Keep the coal high in the middle, sloping to the sides; otherwise your fuel will burn out in the heart of the fire and require rebuilding.

"Better results will come from as small sized coal as the grate of the furnace will admit.

"Some secure good results by sprinkling the coal with water, especially when soft coal is used. This practice makes a hotter fire and it burns longer.

"Ashes should not be allowed to accumulate in the ash pit. Following this rule will allow a proper amount of air and also protect the grates.

"Avoid too frequent shaking of the fire; twice a day is usually enough.

"To prevent dust, sprinkle the ashes with water when removing them from the furnace.

Water to Moisture Air

"The water pan, if one is provided, should be placed in the hottest part of the furnace, that is, where the air leaves the furnace. In all rooms, where practicable, it is well to provide open pans of water so that the evaporation of this moisture will assist in moistening the air of the room. The pan should be set on or in front of the register. It is a hygienic principle that the air entering a room for ventilation should have additional moisture given to it before it reaches the room."

For those contemplating installing a new furnace the following suggestions are added:

"In locating a furnace the shorter pipes should go to the colder sides, as north and west, while the longer lines of pipe go towards the warmer sides, as south and east.

Insulate Pipes

"Covering warm air pipes with a heavy warm insulation covering will conserve the heat and reduce the fuel bill. The wall surface on the north and west sides of the cellar cools the air, and if the pipes are not covered with asbestos air cell lining, this large exposed metal surface is sufficient to cool the warm air inside the pipe and prevent its circulation. The area of the cold air duct should have the combined area of the warm air pipes. The outdoor intake of the cold air intake pipe should be so situated as to prevent currents of wind from drawing the air out of the cold air intake. This intake should be long and sloping with slight curves rather than short and with right angles in its course. Thus gravity acts upon the large column of cold air which will ensure much better circulation.

"A wall register is preferable to a floor register in order to avoid the carrying of dust. A fireplace or two assists materially in producing circulation when the hot air system is used.

"All hot air pipes should have a sharp pitch leading to the furnace to ensure circulation.

"It is extremely important to remember, for the proper protection of the mucous membranes of the nose and throat, to have water in the furnace to moisten the air, and also pans of water near the registers to give additional moisture to the air. The humidity of the room should be at least 65 or 70 degrees."

FIRM TURNS DOWN BIG WAR ORDERS

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 15.—War orders amounting to \$100,000 on which it was possible to make 100 per cent profit, have been turned down during the last week by three Sheboygan companies, it became known today.

A representative of a big eastern company here last week offered the Optenberg Iron Works, Jenkins Machine company the Globe Foundry orders amounting to that sum if they would install fifteen additional lathes suitable for making shells.

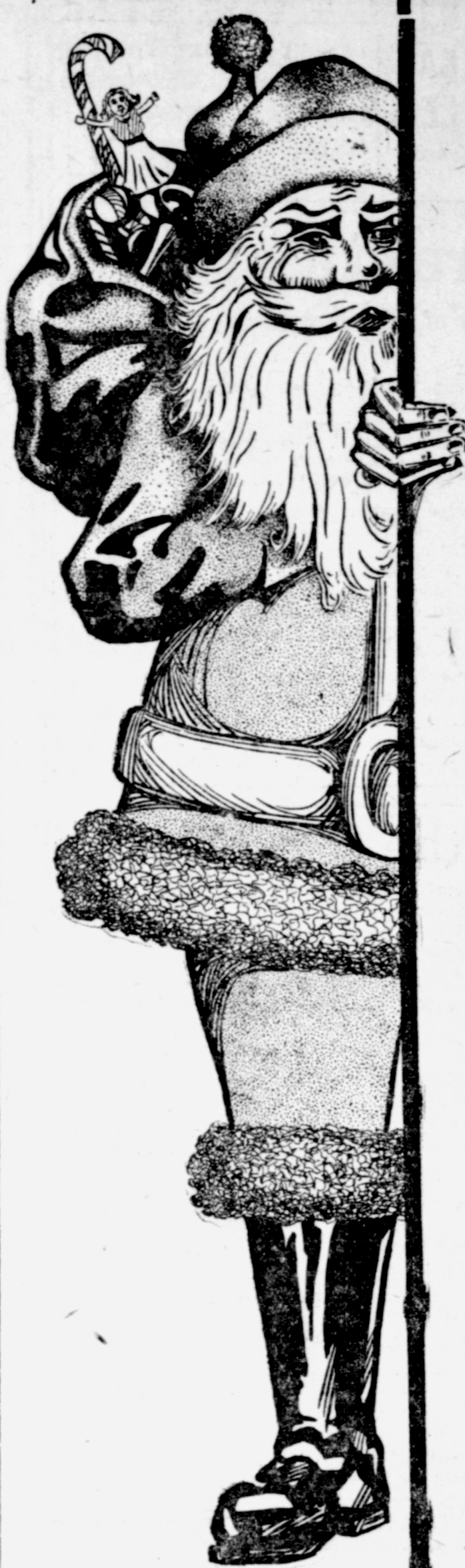
After the companies refused the contract to make shells, they received an offer from the New York Machinery exchange for all of the machinery in their shops which could be used in making shells. This was also turned down by the companies.

SCHOOL LIKE MILL

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 15.—This city is going to have a regular industrial school. Even the building is not going to look like one where pedagogues hold forth. Following the recommendation of H. L. Hicks, "father of Wisconsin industrial education," the new building will have the appearance of a mill. Manufacturers of the city have announced they will donate machinery for the school.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DON'T GET "SNOWED UNDER"



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Plain or fancy, in all the popular materials, including silk.

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GLOVES

Imported domestic and imported Dress Kid, Cape Mocha, unlined, Silk fleece and Fur lined.

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NECKWEAR

Beautiful flowing end-four-in-hands in fancy boxes.

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Others at 75c, \$1 and \$1.50

MUFFLERS

Knit Mufflers in that popular auto style.

50c, \$1.00 up to \$2.00

Silk ... \$1.00 to \$3.50

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Shaving Mugs and Shaving Mirrors

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Cigar Cases and Ash Trays.

A large variety of these useful articles.

UNDERWEAR

Men's Union Suits—

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Per garment.

Boys' Union Suits—

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\$9.00
Boys'
\$1.00 up to
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\$3.50 up
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THE SILO

REMEMBER BIRTHDAY OF BABCOCK TEST

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Wisconsin dairymen and dairy manufacturers are planning to stage a big anniversary celebration at the time of the Wisconsin Farm and Home Week, to be held in Madison, Feb. 7-11.

The occasion will be the "Silver Jubilee" of the invention of the Babcock milk test and the establishment of the Wisconsin Dairy school and will suitably mark the twenty-five years of dairy progress which have since been made. In addition to the special anniversary feature, the program of the Farmers' course will be one of the best that has ever been offered since the mid-winter convention week was started.

FARMERS HELPED BY COUNTY AGENTS

RHINELANDER, Dec. 15.—The new team—the farmer and his "hired man", the county agent—is pulling together. Results prove it.

Not only are individual farmers in the agricultural representative county, outdoing their past efforts as a result of this co-operation, but collectively they are uniting to raise the general standard of crop and profit production in their respective districts.

"These facts," says State Supervisor E. L. Luther, "shown at the recent State Potato show at Marinette, where out of a total of forty premiums awarded to individual growers for excellent samples of stock, twenty-seven were taken by farmers living in counties having agricultural representatives. Five counties out of the seven winning in the county contests were those employing representatives, and seven out of eleven prizes given to rural schools for potato production."

MARRIAGE AND LONG LIFE

In the "twelve commandments" which Dr. Arnold Lorand of Carlsbad Baths, Austria, lays down for a long life, he says:—"Get married, and if a widow or widower marry again. A study of the lives of patriarchs proves the wisdom of so doing."

Another important factor is to avoid weakened, overworked, run-down, Hoeschler Brothers, have a rare combination of the three oldest tonics known in Vinol, which they guarantee will create strength and restore vitality in all such cases, or return your money.

tato displays went to schools in counties where agents are at work."

Thirteen Wisconsin counties now have these "hired men". They are: Ashland, Barron, Douglas, Eau Claire, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Polk, Price, Taylor, Vilas and Walworth.

BANKERS CO-OPERATE IN FARM BULLETINS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—To enable the Agricultural Experiment station to meet more fully the calls for bulletins on farming, it is co-operating with bankers in all sections of the state in the publication of a series of agricultural folders.

The subjects for this year's series include a wide range of activities on the farm and of the home. This is the list for 1915-1916:

November—Sell Products of High Quality.

December—Do not Over-Capitalize the Farm.

January—How to make the Small Farm Pay.

February—Why Carry Water? Let it Run into the House.

March—How to Secure Seed Grain.

April—How to Beautify the Home Grounds.

May—Draft Horses Produce Bank Drafts.

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July—When Fly Time Comes.

August—When the Pastures are Short.

September—How to Borrow Money to Buy Cattle.

October—How an Agricultural Representative Could Help the Farmers of Our County.

The agricultural committee of the Wisconsin Bankers' association, consisting of W. A. Van Berg, Mosinee; G. W. Dudley, West Salem; H. G. Maxwell, Princeton; L. A. McAlpine, Marinette; J. M. Smith, Shell Lake; C. R. Thomson, Richland Center, and R. M. Orchard, Moscona, supervise the issuance of these monthly bulletins. More than 30,000 copies of these timely bulletins are sent out each month by bankers of the state.

Harding Heads Association

A Wisconsin stockman, Frank W. Harding of Waukesha, has been re-elected secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association, an organization which includes in its membership the foremost breeders in this country of these noted Scotch beef cattle. Although this is widely known as one of America's greatest dairying states, there have been developed on Wisconsin farms some of the most noted breeds of Shorthorns known to this country.

Mr. Harding has been elected judge of this breed at the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition soon to be held in Portland, Ore.

Wisconsin produces just about two-thirds of the beef consumed in the

state annually. Every year Badger citizens eat approximately 82,925,000 pounds of beef produced in some other state. Expressed in pounds the figure appears very large, but 153,000 more beef steers would make it up. At the present time there are approximately 470,000 beef animals sold or slaughtered in Wisconsin annually.

Iowa produces five times as much beef as we do and consumes two and one-half times more. With Wisconsin's opportunities for profitable beef production all over the state there is no reason why we should not be supplying beef to other states in less fortunate circumstances. It is estimated that our real output annually exceeds the demand by 60,000,000 pounds; pork by 92,225,000 pounds and mutton by 1,500,000 pounds.

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IMPLEMENT SHOW ON

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—The tenth annual convention and exhibition of the Wisconsin Retail Implement Dealers' association opened in the Auditorium today. The big main arena of the Auditorium is filled with several hundred exhibits of vehicles, gasoline engines, automobiles, and farm machinery.

The exhibition, which will continue for three days, will be inspected by about 5,000 Wisconsin dealers, according to a prediction made by F. R. Sebenshall, secretary of the association this morning.

Daily Thought.

To talk in public, to think in solitude, to read, and to hear, to inquire and answer inquiries, is the business of a scholar.—Johnson.

FOR THE Holidays

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Handkerchiefs---The Most Practical Gift

Every principal source of supply has contributed to the magnificent display of Handkerchiefs assembled for the holidays.

Women's cross barred Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, each at... **2½c**
Women's Hand Embroidered Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs, each at... **5c**

Men's all linen hemstitched Border Handkerchiefs, specially priced at each... **49c, 39c, 25c, 19c, 15c, 10c**
Women's all Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c and 98c.

Women's Embroidered Corner Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, each... **2½c**
An elaborate assortment of Women's all Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, designs which are elaborately trimmed in scroll effects, each... **15c**

A beautiful assortment of Armenian All Linen Handkerchiefs, with hand made lace edges, drawn work corners; some are nicely embroidered, each 25c up to \$1.00.

A very fine assortment of beautiful all Linen Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, many of the handkerchiefs nicely hand embroidered. We strongly recommend these handkerchiefs as a most acceptable gift. The prices are very moderate considering the quality, priced at only... **25c**

A still more elaborate assortment of Handkerchiefs of this kind, at each... **50c**



Women's Colored Border Handkerchiefs, priced at each... **2½c**
Women's Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at each... **2½c**
Men's Satin Bordered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at each... **5c**
Women's Boxed Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in fancy box, per box... **25c, 49c, 98c**
Women's Initial Handkerchiefs at... **5c, 10c, 19c, 25c**
Children's fancy assorted Handkerchiefs at... **1c**
Women's all Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at... **10c**

Sensible and Practical Gifts from the Shoe Dept.

Men's Leather House Slippers, with turned soles and common sense heels, in black and brown kid leathers, made up in the different styles such as Romeos, Everetts and Opers. Sizes 6 to 11, prices **\$1.25 to \$2.00**
Men's Black Felt Slippers, Everett style, with leather sole, turned and common sense heel. Sizes 6 to 11. Price... **\$1.25**

Women's Felt Julietts, fur trimmed, leather soles and heels, colors black and wine, sizes 3 to 8... **98c**

Women's Felt Julietts, ribbon trimmed, leather soles and heels, colors brown, tan and wine, sizes 3 to 8. Price... **\$1.48**



Men's Gray Comfy Slippers, with E. Z. elk leather soles and cushion inner sole. Just the style for people troubled with cold feet. Sizes 6 to 11, priced at per pair... **\$1.25**

Women's Felt Julietts, extra fine grade felt, with fur and ribbon trim, leather soles and heels, colors purple and elephant gray. Sizes 3 to 8, priced at per pair... **\$1.69**

Misses' Red Felt Julietts, black fur trimmed, sizes 1½ to 2, at... **98c**

Children's sizes, 8½ to 11, at... **95c**
Infants' sizes, 6 to 8, price... **85c**

COMFY SLIPPERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Women's Comfys are supremely dainty, in a host of colors and shades to suit personal taste, or match lingerie or boudoir furnishings. Why not make your selection early and have a good assortment to select from?

Women's Felt Comfy Slippers, extra high cut, with E. Z. elk leather soles, cushion inner sole, ribbon trimmed, and beautiful pompon to harmonize, colors lavender and baby blue, sizes 3 to 6. Price... **\$1.48**

Misses' Red Felt Comfy Slippers, with E. Z. elk soles, sizes 1½ to 2. Price... **\$1.25**

Crochet Slippers make an inexpensive gift. You can find a good assortment of Women's, Misses' and Children's Slippers in Shoe Dept.

Women's Crochet Slippers, made of mercerized yarn, with elk leather soles and satin quilted insoles, colors lavender, pink, blue and red, sizes 3 to 7, price... **98c**

Women's Crochet Slippers, made of wool yarn, with sheep leather soles and wool insoles, colors lavender, pink, blue, red, gray, black, sizes 3 to 8. Price... **49c**

Misses' and Children's Crochet Slippers, in a pink and white combination of colors, sizes 6 to 2, at per pair... **39c**

NUTS

A choice mixture of all new Nuts, lb.

15c

ANIMAL COOKIES

Fresh baked Animal Cookies, per pound

10c

TOYS! TOYS! FOR BOYS and GIRLS



25c for astra-kan covered Dog. Others to \$2.98



49c for Hair covered Cat. Others up to \$1.98.



59c for a Set of Rector Stone Building Blocks. Others to \$12.50.



74c for Boys' Tool Chest with complete set of tools. Others 19c to \$7.50.



\$2.48 for a Keed Loll Cart, rubber tires, easy running gear. Others up to \$10.98.



49c for Toy Laundry Set, Wringer, Tub, Board and Line. Others up to \$1.75.



25c for Toy Violin, golden oak finish. Others up to \$2.50.

SOAP

Swift's Pride Laundry Soap, bar

2½c

Matches

Hummer brand Matches, 5c box for

2½c

IMMENSE CABBAGE HAS BEEN GROWN

Racine and Kenosha Counties Preparing to Market the New Resistant Variety

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 15.—These are eventful days for the cabbage growers of Racine and Kenosha counties.

Through the team work by representatives of the Agricultural Experiment station and a number of the leading truck men of this section, a variety of cabbage—Wisconsin Hoiland No. 8—has been developed which successfully withstands "yellows", a disease which infested the

soils of this region and which has threatened the district of a profit-producing industry.

Experimental work under the direction of Dr. L. R. Jones of the department of Plant Pathology, University of Wisconsin, has been carried on for several seasons culminating this year in the production of a limited amount of seed of this highly resistant variety, and the organization of a growers' committee, which in the future is to have charge of the production and distribution of this seed.

Those who are to undertake commercial growing of resistant seed shall be given first option on the amounts of the variety which they need for such purpose.

Preference in the further distribution of seed is to be given to the cabbage growers of southeastern Wisconsin, who have soil which is known to be "cabbage sick."

Seed in small quantities may be obtained by Wisconsin growers after January 1, and if there is any left, by parties outside of Wisconsin after February 1, preference being given to Wisconsin purchasers.

Approximately 3,000 heads are available for seed production in 1916. This seed will be grown by growers in this and other sections, working under the direction of the Agricultural Experiment station.

CHRISTMAS TREES FEW

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 15.—There will be a scarcity of Christmas trees this year, according to reports reaching here from various sections of the timber country. Most of the swamps are open and it is a difficult task to get the trees out of the woods.

PEACE SHIP DUE TO LAND TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. — Unless delayed by storms the Ford peace ship Oscar II will have reached Christiansand, Norway, last night, officers of the Scandinavian American line said. When she last reported Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. Kitzman.

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Homer, Minn.

HOMER, Minn., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mike Bescup was a La Crosse visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Shira and children of Fairport, Iowa, arrived here Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. Kitzman.

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TRAPPED INMATES SAVED

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—Trapped in their home when flames broke out Monday, Miss Carolyn Brockhoff and Esther Norton were wrapped in blankets and lowered from the roof.

BADGER STALLION LAW IS A MODEL

Most of Leading Draft Horse Producing States Adopt Badger Terms

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—All of the leading draft horse producing states, with the single exception of Missouri, now have laws regulating the public service of stallions which were modeled after that enacted in Wisconsin nine years ago.

Dr. C. W. McCampbell, president of National Association of Stallion Registration boards, so reported at the recent meeting of this organization held in this city.

In almost every case, according to the officials from these states, the enforcement of these laws have brought about a very rapid increase in the percentage of pure bred sires in use as well as a noticeable improvement in the soundness and general character of the public service stallions.

The secretary of the Illinois Board reported that as a result of the enforcement of the law, 95 per cent of the counties of that state have more pure bred grade stallions in use. Between 70 and 75 per cent of Iowa's present stock of stallions are pure bred and in Minnesota the percentage of pure bred stallions has been increased from less than 30 to over 50 per cent in the last seven years and the seriously unsound horses are being driven out of the state as a result of the enactment and enforcement of the law.

This is a matter of peculiar interest to Wisconsin because the plan of stallion enrollment and the examination of stallions for soundness in that connection, was first conceived and carried into effect in this state.

The Wisconsin law was proposed by Dr. A. S. Alexander of the College of Agriculture and enacted by the legislature in 1905. It went into effect January 1, 1906, and has had a good effect on the horse breeding industry of the state. At that time 65 per cent of the public service sires were grades and scrubs. In 1905, the undesirable sires had been reduced to 41.8 per cent.

Among the states having stallion laws are: California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. Similar laws are in consideration in New York, Virginia, South Carolina, and some other states.

CANADIAN LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Subscriptions to the Canadian war loan originally set at only \$50,000,000 have now totalled \$104,000,000, it has been announced. The number of subscribers is 24,803. When it was decided to increase the loan from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000, subscribers were given the option of withdrawing their original applications if they desired. The option expires Saturday night but there have been few withdrawals.

Daily Fashion Hint

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In a rich shade of brown gaberdine this coat is exceedingly effective. It is made upon the semi-fitting lines that are so fashionable just now, being held in at the waist with a belt of self-material. There is a round shoulder yoke finished with a turn-over collar, while deep cuffs finish the long one-piece sleeves. At either side of the front are large pockets. In medium size the coat requires 4 yards 54-inch gaberdine.

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Want to Buy or Sell a Business? See Lewis Bros., 4th and Main.

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SALEM "JUMPING JACK" CAUGHT AT LAST AFTER SPECTACULAR EVASIONS

SPOONER, Wis., Dec. 15.—G. H. McEldowney, known to the police of northern Wisconsin as the "human jumping jack," because of his spectacular escapades during the last few weeks, was arrested today and is in jail at Balsam awaiting trial on the charge of stealing an automobile from the garage at St. Croix Falls.

He was arrested in Marshfield last week in company with a young woman on the charge of jumping a board bill. He escaped but the woman was held. The police of New Richmond are also looking for him on the charge of passing worthless checks.

McEldowney's favorite experience was to go into a town, take an automobile, ride to the next town, abandon it and take another to continue his journey. In one city he was unable to find an idle automobile. He unhitched a team of horses, jumped on the back of one of them and rode several miles when he found an automobile.

His home was formerly at West Salem. His wife and children live in Polk county on a homestead.

CANDIDATES STRANDED

(United Press Correspondent.) LONDON, Dec. 16.—(By mail.)—Hundreds of Canadians, New Zealanders and Australians visiting England on business or pleasure are stranded here as a result of an arbitrary but patriotic ruling by the steamship companies, it was learned today.

They are between the ages of 18 and 40—the prescribed military age. The various steamship lines decreed that British subjects of army eligibility could not continue to escape via their vessels. This ruling leaves the colonials the alternative of staying in England until after the war or enlisting. What their position will be if conscription comes has not yet been determined.

WIFE SAFE—HE RETURNS

SALONIKA, Dec. 15.—Walter Farwell of Chicago, who came here in search of his wife, a newspaper correspondent who was in Monastir when the city was captured by the Bulgars, returned here Monday after penetrating to the Bulgarian lines, ten miles from Monastir. The Bulgarian officers turned Farwell back after assuring him that his wife was safe.

WIFE DEFEATS HUBBY

TACOMA, Dec. 15.—J. J. Cale, clerk, candidate for re-election, was defeated by his wife, who ran on a non-partisan ticket. Cale was doing the housework today.

FEW FOLKS HAVE GRAY HAIR NOW

Druggist Says Ladies are Using Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grand-mother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.



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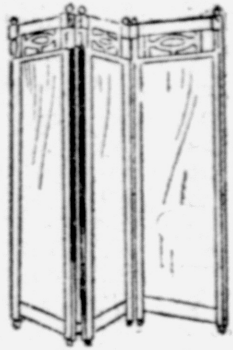
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We are showing a new stock of Pictures and Mirrors at prices you will find to be lower than others. You'll find nearly any subject you want in two large assortments. Look them over before you buy.



A Folding Table makes a fine Christmas gift. We are showing a complete line.



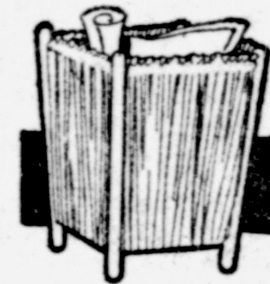
See the nobby designs we are showing in Screens. — Priced from \$10.00 to \$1.00.

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A nice dressing Table would make an ornamental as well as a useful gift. We show them in all the popular finishes.

Waste Paper Baskets



See our line of Fancy Waste Paper Baskets before you buy.

Candle Sticks



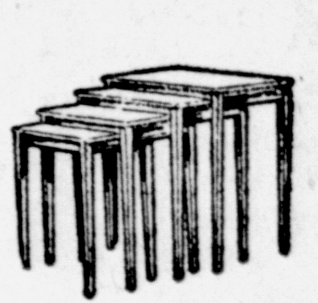
Candle Sticks in all the new nobby designs. Priced from \$8.00 down to 60c.

Book Racks



For the new ideas in Book and Magazine Racks you should see our line.

Serving Tables



A Nest of Serving Tables would be appreciated in any home. We show them in mahogany and fumed oak.



Bud Vases

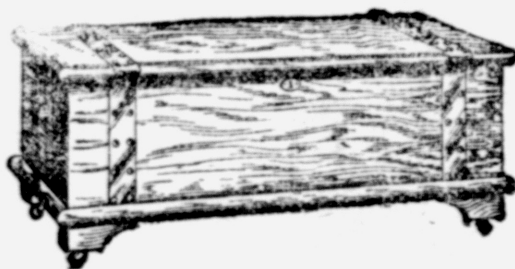
For the artistic designs in Bud Vases visit our gift section.



Reading Lamps

Reading Lamps, brass standards and adjustable, from \$11 to \$5.00.

CEDAR CHESTS

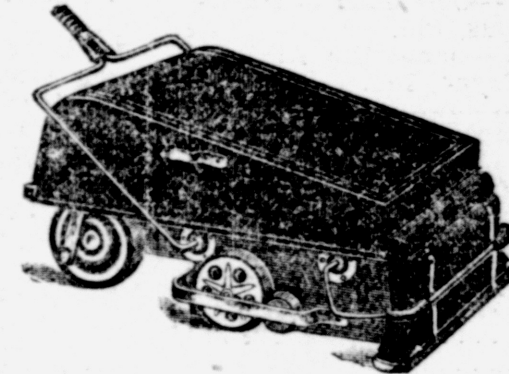


Cedar Chests seem to be the popular gift this year. We are prepared to show you the new designs in all sizes. Special sizes made to order.



Why not a Bed-Devenport as a gift? Something the whole family can make use of. We show the latest designs in both the Unifold and Duofold style. A handsome Davenport during the day and a full sized comfortable Bed at night.

VACUUM SWEEPERS



A "Tillman" Vacuum Sweeper and Cleaner would make a gift appreciated by any woman. Compare this one with others before you buy.



A nice Reed Rocker or Chair will add to the beauty and comfort of your home. Right now is the time to make your selection while the assortment is complete.



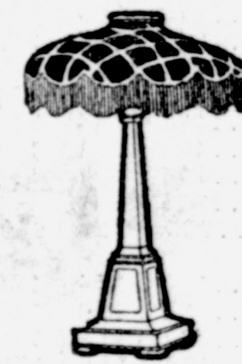
Wood Basket for the fireplace. See our line before you buy.



A large comfortable Arm Chair would be appreciated by father. Our line of upholstered pieces is of the highest quality and strictly up-to-date.

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at
1/2 Price

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Line of High Grade
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Special sale on Reading Lamps and Electric Domes. Compare our prices and save the difference.



We are showing a full line of this high grade Brassware. The finest designs and the highest quality.

PRACTICAL TOYS are the ones really appreciated by the Little Folks. A visit to our Toy Section will solve the problem of WHAT TO BUY. We sell the kind that last from one Christmas to the next.



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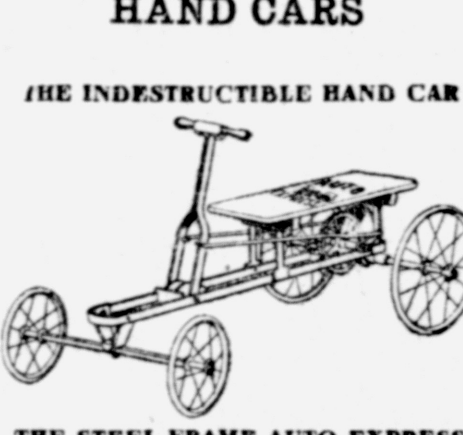
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Blackboards of all kinds from \$2.50 to 25c.



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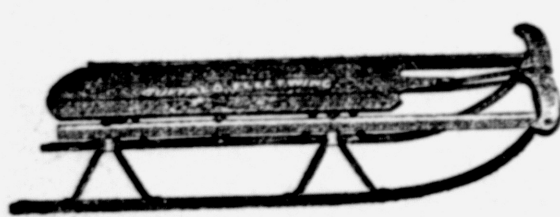
Doll Go-Cart, like cut, at \$1.25

Junior Snow Shovels



Junior Snow Shovels at 15c

SLEDS OF ALL KINDS

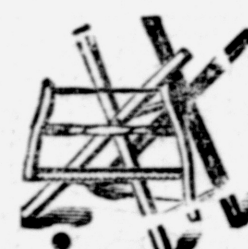


Sleds of all kinds from \$3 to 50c

Boys' Wheelbarrows



Boys' Wheelbarrows, priced from \$1.00 to 25c



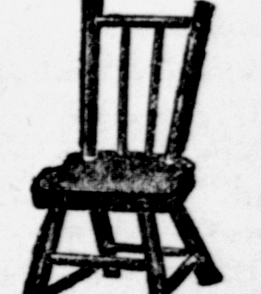
Boys' Saw and Buck, at 25c and 10c



Rocking Horses, priced from \$8.00 to 75c



Coaster Wagons, in all styles and sizes, from \$5.50 to \$1.25



Toy Chair, like cut, painted red at 10c



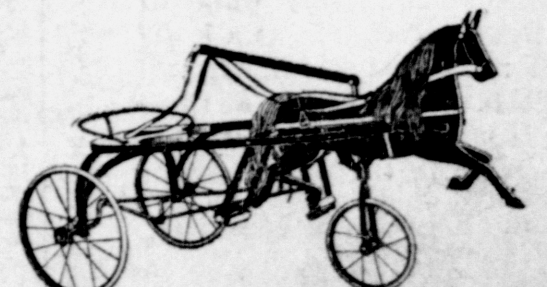
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**EKERN TO DRAFT
KENTUCKY LAWS**MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Former
Insurance Commissioner Herman
L. Ekern has been retained as a law-
yer to assist the Kentucky insurance
department in promulgating a new
insurance code. Mr. Ekern says that
he is appearing in the new position
in the capacity of a lawyer and is
not there for the purpose of having
new legislation drafted.Insurance Commissioner M. J.
Cleary has just returned from New
York to be present at the big hear-
ing against the twenty bureau com-
pensation companies.**Funk's
Chocolates**PURE
WHOLESOME
DELICIOUS**NORMALS TO PLAY
MERCURY ATHLETIC
CLUB AT CHICAGO**Wabash Played Friday
While Purdue Is Met
on Satur-
dayThe normal basket ball practice
schedule is slightly revised from the
schedule that was first announced.
The University of Chicago could not
be secured so the Mercury Athletic
club was put in on that date which
falls on the fifteenth, today, when
Spuh and company expect to arrive
in the Windy city, having played two
games of the nine on their trip. The
game with Purdue university still
remains on the card. Following is the
schedule as it is now being played:December 15—Mercury Athletic
club at Chicago.
December 16—Platteville normal
at Platteville.
December 17—Wabash college at
Crawfordsville, Ind.
December 18—Purdue university
at Lafayette, Ind.
December 19—Sunday.
December 20—Tipton Athletic
club at Tipton, Indiana.
December 21—Butler college.
December 22—Columbus Commer-
cials at Columbus, Ind.
December 23—Janesville Athletic
club at Fort Wayne, Ind.**BOWLING****City League**

Postmen—			
Norstad	161	189	175
Chase	163	188	155
Daniels	169	189	180
Weston	161	155	204
Koblitz	189	136	175
Totals	843	857	889

Roths—			
Roth	136	129	156
Lapitz	171	215	172
Keeler	153	133	157
Padesty	218	88	163
Bruha	170	129	155
Ort	848	796	803

K. C. League			
Kotnam	155	177	137
Doorak	181	145	112
Padesty	159	161	169
Houska	155	157	124
Frisch	135	103	150
Totals	785	743	693

De Soto—			
Gautsch	150	134	128
Noetzel	130	130	148
Frisch	137	135	155
Downey	122	166	153
Substitute	135	103	113
Totals	684	668	697

COON SEASON CLOSES			
PORT WASHINGTON, Wis., Dec. 15.			

The open season for hunting
coons in Washington and Ozaukee
counties, closed today. The season
in other sections of the state will
continue until February 1.

Optimistic Thought.

Always remember that birds of a

feather flock together.

Sport News Of A Day**PEACE DECLARATION DEPENDS
ON BAN JOHNSON IS REPORT
FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE MEET**

It's This Way in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It's up to
Ban Johnson to permit unscrambling
of baseball conditions. Barney Drey-
fuss, the "Henry Ford" of baseball,
today was scurrying westward from
the National League meeting to lay
before Johnson tentative plans for a
merger of the Federal league and
organized baseball.Dreyfuss' "Dry Land Oscar II" is
ought to arrive in Chicago today and
the corpulent president of the Amer-
ican league should have an earful
of peace plans very shortly after-
ward.

Johnson Reported Receptive

Johnson is understood to have re-
ceived several notches from his for-
mer attitude of "fifty-four forty or
fight," as applied to the Federals.
Heavy losses by many of the big
time clubs in the last two seasons
have put him in a receptive state of
mind when reorganization plans are
being noised around, according to
gossip on baseball's busy mart, Pea-
cock alley.Dreyfuss oozed out of the National
league meeting here yesterday,
carrying plans discussed Monday
night by the National leaguers, Pres-
ident Gilmore and "Angel" Sinclair
of the Federals. The smoke of battle
is said to have singled Sinclair's
philanthropic wings to such an extent
that peace is quite welcome to him.

Would Merge in Four Cities

The plan as understood here is for
amalgamation of the Federal league
and National league clubs in Pitts-
burgh, Chicago, St. Louis and Brook-
lyn. In Newark the Federal fran-
chise would be merged with the old
International league permit and the
Barrow circuit would re-enter its old
home.In Chicago the Federals have a
modern plant while the Cubs' park
is notoriously inefficient and the
new club likely would play at the
Federals' North side home.In Pittsburgh, Forbes field is bet-
ter than the Federal plant. In St.
Louis it's a toss-up between the Car-
dinals' wooden park and the Feder-
als' jitney grounds, and in Brooklyn
the Dodgers' park is better.**STATE OF WISCONSIN, County of
La Crosse—In Circuit Court.**
Pear, G. Killmer, Plaintiff, vs. George
Killmer, Defendant.—Summons.
The State of Wisconsin, to the Said
Defendant:You are hereby summoned to ap-
pear within twenty days after service
of this summons upon you, exclusive
of the day of service, and defend the
above entitled action in the Court
aforesaid; and in case of your failure
so to do, judgment will be rendered
against you according to the demand
of the complaint, of which a copy is
herewith served upon you.J. E. HIGBEE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.
P. O. Address: Linker Building, La
Crosse, La Crosse County, Wis-
consin.**COON SEASON CLOSES**PORT WASHINGTON, Wis., Dec. 15.—The open season for hunting
coons in Washington and Ozaukee
counties, closed today. The season
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And This Way in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—When Bar-
ney Dreyfuss, peace emissary, heaves
into Chicago late this afternoon with
a little fat dove under his arm, he'll
find Ban Johnson and other Ameri-
can league magnates ready to pet
the dove.If the Tener organization has per-
fected plans for peace with the Fed-
erals, the American league will ratify
them, unless the plans are so com-
promising as to affect the well-
known honor and integrity of organ-
ized baseball."Mr. Dreyfuss, as I understand it,
is not bearing peace proposals," said
Ban Johnson, "but I suppose the
Federal situation will be discussed."CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Presi-
dent Ban Johnson of the Ameri-
can league flatly refused today
to say whether he will accept a
peace offer from the Federal
league."I will not talk about it," he
said. "It is foolish to talk about
accepting a peace offer until one
is made."We have tried to take care of our
own affairs, but, of course, if the
Federals seek some arrangement, we
will listen to them. I have never
made the Feds a personal issue."Naturally we are for peace," said
several of the National league men
today, "but we have taken no steps
towards a merger ourselves."The American league has adopted
an attitude of watchful waiting. Only
routine business was to be transac-
ted today at the annual league meet-
ing. The real work will come tomor-
row, after Dreyfuss' arrival.Ban Johnson's re-election as presi-
dent was assured.The directors planned to get to-
gether at noon, and all the magnates
were to sit around a big table and
gossip later in the afternoon.Dreyfuss was expected to go di-
rect to the Congress hotel to meet
Johnson. His train is due at 5
o'clock.If a man would put only his own
property in his wife's name it
wouldn't be so bad, but as a rule the
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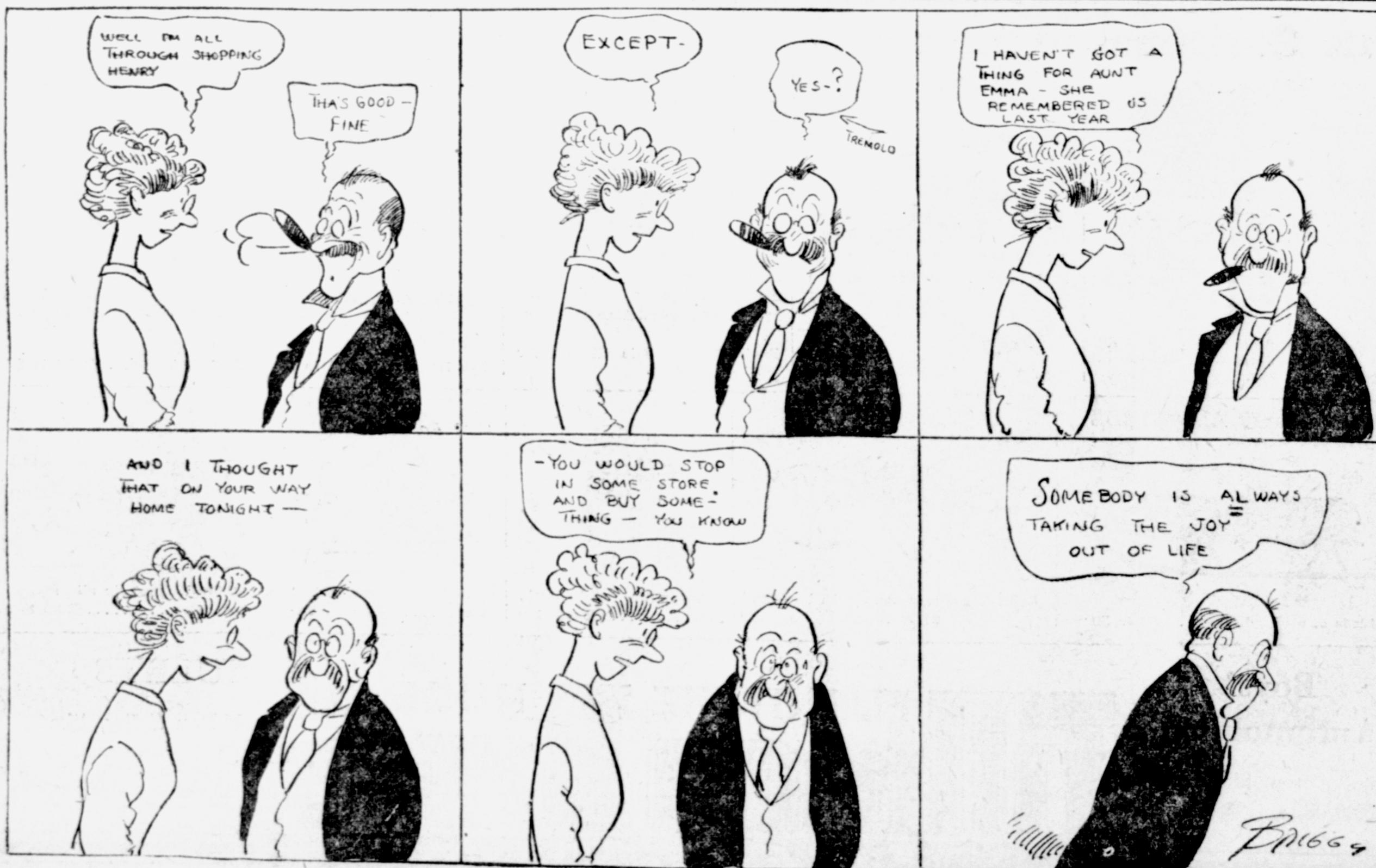
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**CAMPION CLAIMS
GAME STAGED WITH
LA CROSSE NORMAL**Claim Made That La Crosse
Men Did Not Abide
with Referee's De-
cisionHere is the Champion side of the
dispute of Monday night in the game
with La Crosse normal. The commu-
nication is from the publicity man-
ager of the team and is signed."PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., Dec.
14, 1915."Campion opened the basket ball
season here last night by taking its
first game from La Crosse normal on
a forfeit 2 to 0. After playing
twelve minutes of the second half,
the visitors left the floor with the
score 21 to 19 in favor of Campion.
Both sides played a fast game. Wise
and Ratchen worked together well.
Wise made several spectacular goals
but a wrenched knee took him out
of the game. MacKenzie replacing
him. Zachman and Rees solved the
normals' passing game and McGarty
played his first game in fine form."Campion soon won the lead and
held it throughout. Meinert starred
for the normals. Neither side had a
decided advantage at any stage of
the game and at the end of the first
half Campion was leading 15 to 11.
At the beginning of the second half
La Crosse evened up matters; after
about eleven minutes of play, a foul
was called on one of La Crosse's
players. Zachman tried for goal; he
missed it but McGarty tossed it in
a few seconds later. The normal
timekeeper called "time out" just
before McGarty caged the ball."The referee announced that the
goal was legal, since the timekeeper
had no power to take time out, as
is shown in the following passages:
"Time shall be taken out whenever
ordered by the referee." (Rule 19,
Section 1.) "The umpire may call
time in case of an injury to a player,
which the referee does not see." (Rule
19, Section 2.) There is not a
single instance in the rules in which
the timekeeper can call "time." Fur-
thermore, the timekeeper can not
even ask the referee to take time
out. He (the referee) shall order
time to be taken out at the request
of a captain or for injuries to play-
ers." (Rule 19, Section 1.) Refus-
ing to abide by the referee's deci-
sion, the normals left the floor.
When they failed to reappear, the
referee awarded the game to Cam-
pion on a forfeit, 2 to 0."**CHRISTIE BEATS
TOMMY BURKE AT
FUTURE CITY SHOW**ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Spe-
cial.) Gus Christie, Milwaukee mid-
dleweight, defeated Tommy Burke
of St. Louis last night before the
Future City Athletic club, taking
every round of the eight. He had
Burke nearly out in the seventh.
Christie is matched to meet Johnny
Howard of New York in St. Louis
December 21.When to Worry.
"The hoop skirt is surely coming,"
says a fashion note, but we refuse to
worry until lace cuffs for men are or-
dered.—Detroit Free Press.**HIGHEST QUALITY
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Partridge**Made by
John Dengler
Cigar and
Tobacco Co.**KONEY BEST FIRST
SACKER IN FIELD
IN THE FEDERALS**Eddie Played in 152 Games
and Had Only Nue Er-
rors for .994
MarkEddie Konetchy of the Pittfeds
was the best fielding first baseman in
the Gilmore circuit during the sea-
son of 1915, according to the offi-
cial averages received today. Eddie
in 152 games made 1,537 put outs
and scored 80 assists. His errors to-
talled 9, making his fielding aver-
age .994. H. Bradley of Brooklyn
and Newark, has the same rating but
he played in but 35 games.The Pittfeds led the league in club
fielding with a percentage of .972.
In 153 games 4,146 put outs were
registered and 173 errors committed.
Konetchy, from the records, played
in all but one game this year, a re-
cord for first sacker of the circuit.
The figures:

Club	G.	P.O.	E.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	153	4146	173	.972
St. Louis	154	4273	218	.967
Buffalo	152	4079	229	.964
Chicago	152	4189	238	.963
Newark	152	4218	241	.963
Kansas City	153	4071	252	.961
Baltimore	154	4080	266	.958
Brooklyn	152	4067	291	.955

BILLIARDSIn the Bodega Annex handicap bil-
liard tournament last night there
were these results:
William Lombard, 100, defeated
George Hodge, 55, 100 to 53; Arthur
Ulrich, 90, defeated William Bona-
durer, 100, 90 to 86.**S. DAKOTA STATE
TO PLAY BADGERS**BROOKINGS, S. D., Dec. 15.—
South Dakota State college football
team will play the University of Wis-
consin at Madison, October 14, 1916.
This is the state's first entrance into
fast company.
During the past season Coach Ew-
ing's aggregation was scored on only
once and ran up a total count of 164
against their opponents.**BADGERS AT LAWRENCE**MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—The
Wisconsin university basketball team
will meet the Lawrence college five
here tonight. Other important Wis-
consin games scheduled for tonight
are Ripon-Fond du Lac high school
at Fond du Lac and La Crosse nor-
mal-Platteville normal at Platte-
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Office 325-327 Jay Street
Warehouse, 120-122 So. Front St.ALLEGED RUSTY ARRESTED
WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 15.—
Robert Sanborn, wanted in Texas for
horse stealing and other crimes, was
arrested by the Northwest mounted
police at Neepawa, Manitoba.

ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT TO WIN SOME OF THAT GOLD



"SEVEN DAYS" THE BIG TALE OF THE "SHOWER OF GOLD"

In This Final Week Are Bound Up the Fortunes of Contenders in This Baby Race for Gold

WHAT A DAY MAY BRING YOU

Victory or Defeat Rests Upon Faithful and Persistent Effort Made in the Final Week

TIPS ABOUT THINGS TO DO

Those Who Follow the Advice in This Column Will Improve Their Chance to Become Winners

"Seven Days", by Elinor Glynn, is regarded by many people as a great story, but it is not half as interesting as the story that will be told in the remaining seven days of the Shower of Gold election.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday finish the fourth quarter of this great baby race, up to the home stretch. Sunday we enter the stretch and make the short, hard drive to the wire.

What will be YOUR story of these seven days?

Talk it over with baby. Tell baby what you're going to do.

Don't let a little lead induce you to take victory for granted, for in this false sense of security YOU MAY LOSE.

Don't be discouraged if others seem to hold a lead over you. Probably there is not an active contender in this race who can not win if he or she will go out and land every subscriber it is humanly possible to secure in these seven important days.

Clean up! Your short-time subscribers have given you but a few votes. They merely have indicated an interest in your child and a willingness to help you. Almost to a man they'll make it a year IF YOU PUT IT UP TO THEM. The worker who fails to see every one of these IS MISSING HIS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY.

Drive. Walk. Go wherever people congregate. Talk to them. "Butt in" if you have to. BUT GET TO THEM.

Points to Make

Don't take the first refusal as final. Argue the matter. Be pleasant, but persistent. If you can get the conversation started, explain exactly what the subscription means for your baby. Then take up the merits of the paper. Show its wonderful leased-wire and cable all-world telegraph service. Show the markets reports, the live local news, the correspondence from THEIR OWN TOWN, the sport page, the farmers' articles. Show Jiggs, S'matter Pop, Petey Dink, Briggs and Daddy's Bed-time Story. Point out the leading serial novel and the Short Story. Show them that this is a combination of services used by the Chicago Daily News, Chicago Tribune, New York and Chicago American and hundreds more of the leading papers of the country. Let them compare this choice selection of news and features with that of any other paper in the United States the size of the La Crosse TRIBUNE. We've got them all beat—tell your men and women about it.

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Now Then, Do This

Well, how many are you going to get Thursday?

Plan your work. Make a schedule of those you will see. SEE THEM, and stop all whom you meet on the way. Do the same tomorrow, and every day for all these last seven short days. There is ONLY ONE WAY to be a winner, and we are telling you the way NOW.

Things Not to Forget

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That the other fellow is working. That every moment counts.

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That every person you meet IS A GOOD PROSPECT, so TACKLE him.

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	57,870

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Dolores Valley (Ed) Lansing, Ia.	64,275
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Richard Scanlon (C. C.) Lanesboro, Minn.	32,475
Bernice Kvernum (P. A.) Lanesboro Minn.	107,800
LaVerne Beach (Mrs. Alma) La Crescent, Minn.	230,255
Dorothy Schoulau (C. F.) Lewistown, Minn.	26,225
Peter Tilford Newhouse (T. P.) Mabel, Minn.	19,110
Lloyd E. Harkness (B. W.) Mabel, Minn.	128,475
June Ferris (C. E.) North McGr gor, Iowa	17,860
Gerald Connell, Jr. (Gerald) North McGregor, Iowa	27,350
Gretta Lager (Wm.) New Albin, Iowa	104,885
Eleanor A. Moen (O. A.) Peterson, Minn.	38,920
Eunice Corrine Erickson (E. T.) Peterson, Minn.	41,780
Clyde A. Dean, Jr. (C. A.) Preston, Minn.	33,020
Sigurd Austinson (N. T.) Rushford, Minn.	33,050
James H. Eggen (C. A.) Rushford, Minn.	121,750
Elizabeth Shervin (S.) Rushford, Minn.	61,975
Rachel Feller (Peter) Rushford, Minn.	27,110
Evenson Twins (Otto) Spring Grove, Minn.	322,910
Theodore Glasrud, Jr. (Theodore) Spring Grove, Minn.	27,820
Margaret Katherine Lee (Knut) Spring Grove, Minn.	11,225
Inez Onsgaard (B. L.) Spring Grove, Minn.	52,150
Charles Weisman (J. C.) 205 E. Howard St., Winona, Minn.	303,300
Harold Roth (H. J.) 823 W. Broadway, Winona, Minn.	78,810

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NORTH SIDE

SWITCHMAN FALLS AND LOSES LIMB

Leg Crushed Off Above the Ankle When Alfred Griffin Slips from Top of Box-car

Slipping upon ice which had formed on the top of a box car, Alfred J. Griffin, 824 Berlin street, switchman for the Milwaukee railroad, fell to the ground below while working this morning and rolled under the wheels of the swiftly moving "box." His right leg was cut off slightly above the ankle. Three deep gashes were cut in Griffin's head. The accident occurred near the Berlin street crossing. Workmen in the Milwaukee yards picked Griffin up and Dr. F. C. Suiter was summoned. Griffin was taken to the La Crosse hospital. It is reported that he will recover.

North Side Briefs

O'Neil shoe store. Xmas slippers \$1. Mrs. Harvey West, who is ill at her home, 1534 Berlin street, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham and son, who have been the guests of relatives and friends in Caledonia, have returned to their home, 1526 Kane street.

Miss Lois Drake, 1546 Kane street will leave soon for Denver, Colo., for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. J. Ott has returned to her home, 1347 Charles street, from Elroy, where she has been the guest of friends.

Mrs. A. E. Peterson, who has been the guest of relatives and friends in Bangor, has returned to her home, 1551 Berlin street.

Thomas Skemp, 1643 Kane street, has returned from Prairie du Chien, where he attended the normal-camp game.

Mrs. John Malay has returned to her home, 1316 Sill street, from Elroy where she has been the guest of relatives and friends.

Raymond Sickles, Omaha, is renewing north side acquaintances. Miss Cecil Downing, who has been the guest of friends on the north side

STATE OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS A NECESSITY HE SAYS

German Minister Says the Roads Have Been Great Aid to Germany During War

ARE GREAT ECONOMIC HELP

Asserts Government Took Over Utility Primarily to Help Commerce

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—Government ownership of railroads is a vital step in the military preparedness program of any nation, including the United States, Minister of Railroads Von Breitenbach, who directs the largest part of Germany's gigantic network of railways, told the United Press yesterday.

"Without misjudging the efficiency of well administered privately owned lines," said Von Breitenbach, referring to railway organization in the United States, "the efficiency of government lines is greater."

"It is inconceivable that private owners should enlarge their stocks of locomotives and cars so as to be able to meet any requirements of congestion. State railways, on the other hand, try to prepare for such traffic. This makes their position strong and enables them to realize the demands both of war and peace traffic."

Personally Responsible Von Breitenbach is personally responsible to the kaiser for the administration of the railways during the war. He estimated yesterday that the new lines acquired and built in conquered territory now form at least 25 per cent of the whole German railroad system. And it was his handling of this great iron web, stretching into Russia, France and Belgium, that led some critics to remark that "general railroad has won more battles and campaigns in this war than any other general." He had just finished describing the great railway improvements recently undertaken in Germany.

Railways Were Salvation "Would it have been possible to have realized the demands made upon Germany's railways during the war if they had been privately owned?" he was asked.

"Well, in the war of 1870 the railways were not united and were chiefly private," he answered, "but that war was fought on one front. It may say without offending their owners that private lines of railroads are administered in the interests of stockholders who are not inclined to make the investments I have described because no returns are guaranteed. I think there is no doubt but that a state railway like the Prussian, with a uniformly strong organization, meets the requirements of war and peace better than a privately owned system."

"The fact that we have government ownership is due to Bismarck. He conceived that idea not as a preparation for war but to promote our economic life, to bring our traffic policies in accord with our economic policies. Thirty-five years ago the idea met with great opposition. Today it has not an opponent in the reichstag."

Mileage Changes Daily The mileage of Germany's railways changes daily as new lines are built into conquered territory. That means new details to be looked after. All together Minister Von Breitenbach indicated it is no easy job to administer the German railways.

"During mobilization, the whole peace time-tables are useless," he said. "The military time-table is effective then; the traffic managers are entrusted with various duties under my control."

"Quite naturally the difficulties of management are especially serious during the heavy spring and autumn traffic. Then too, all these difficulties must be overcome with greater exactness in times of war than in times of peace, especially when military orders calling for the transportation of large bodies of troops, are suddenly given out."

RECOVERS FROM STORM

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—With the return of favorable weather today, railroads in the eastern storm area were running under almost normal conditions. Efforts continued to push freight trains carrying food and it was believed that unless another storm appears, the supplies would reach the east in time to avert a shortage.

Men who give advice always save the best they have for themselves.

has returned to her home in Winona.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ott, 1430 Wood street, are the parents of a baby girl.

Miss Arabel Sullivan of Minneapolis is visiting at her home, 317 Mill street, for a few days.

Mrs. D. Wiles, 1609 Avon, left for Proctor, Minn., to visit her son.

Mrs. Agnes Gibson, 1210 Caledonia street, age 85, sustained a broken arm Tuesday, when she stumbled over a chain. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Andrew Sletten, 1223 Avon street, has gone to Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. C. McCann, 1505 Wood street, has returned from Eau Claire, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Cal Schwenker.

The condition of George Gibson, 620 South Seventh street, ill at the La Crosse hospital, is improved.



Prof. W. H. Bragg, F. R. S. Lieutenant W. L. Bragg

Professor W. H. Bragg, F. R. S., and his son, Lieutenant W. L. Bragg have been awarded the Nobel Physics Prize for 1915 for their work on crystals and X-rays. Professor Bragg is professor of physics at London University and his son is now an officer in the R. H. A. (at present in Flanders). Recently the two were jointly awarded the Barnard Gold Medal of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences for their X-ray discoveries.

CHRIST'S RELIGION NOT TRIED HOLDS G. W. DICKINSON

Discusses Rev. D. C. Jones' Arraignment of Social and Religious Conditions in La Crosse

"The Christian religion has been tried for eighteen centuries. The religion of Jesus Christ remains yet to be tried," quotes C. W. Dickinson, 1402 Vine street, in a discussion of Rev. D. C. Jones recently-published paper arraignment moral and religious conditions in La Crosse. Mr. Dickinson agrees with Mr. Jones about conditions, and makes even more sensational charges. His theory of the cause, however, is based upon a criticism of the doctrines of the church.

Mr. Dickinson's letter follows: The Decadence of the Churches as a Religious Force in the Community

"Mr. Editor: "I was very much interested in the paper from the Rev. Mr. Jones on this subject printed in your paper some time ago. The subject is one that ought to engage the serious attention of every person who is at all concerned over the state of the world at this day, for the situation he outlines is not only a true one, but is very widespread. In fact, it is world wide, and exists wherever the Christian church has reached. He says that La Crosse is the worst place there is. It has been my province to live in several places and to travel over pretty much the whole country many times. Time and again I have heard the same verdict rendered concerning other places, scattered in all directions; occasionally quiet revelations have been made that show a state of society that is shocking, presaging the presence of a disease that is eating at its vitals and that would utterly destroy the world were it not for a countercheck that is operating to stay its ravages."

"I know we would like to close our eyes to facts, or to remain in ignorance of them, and to say to ourselves that the world is beautiful, and going beautifully and lovely, until we are jarred by some unexpected opening of the doors of iniquity that makes us shudder. The evil things are not done wholly by what we are pleased to call the submerged tenth, but seem to be just as prevalent in the higher ranks of life."

"Greed for possessions and success, the laying up of treasures where moss and rust corrupt, is well nigh universal in dollar-loving America. Almost every child is practically taught to aim at success, and the success urged is the accumulation of wealth or attainment of power and fame. The complaint Mr. Jones makes regarding the emptiness of churches is as universal as is the deplorable prevalence of the evils of the age. But these things are only another sign of the great evil, the great trouble-producing cause."

"Religion ought, by the very fact of its existence, to be of the first importance in every man's life. He was created to be religious, and only fulfills his intended destiny when he is. But to be religious, a man must have fundamental religious truths that appeal to his reason, that he can understand and apply to his life. As I read the Bible, it teaches that there is but one God, and but one person of God, that the Lord Jesus Christ is that God, the very and only deity, the great Jehovah Himself manifest in the flesh, and that salvation comes by recognizing Him as that God and living according to His commandments because they are His commandments and lead to a character that fits one for conjunction with Him by the ties of mutual love; that He is the sole One to whom prayer is to be made, who alone is to be loved and worshiped, the sole One who has the 'keys of the kingdom.' As I understand it, such a final belief in Him is fundamental to a successful life. The doctrine is simplicity itself. That the churches gener-

ally do not teach such a doctrine is witnessed in the fact that they are constantly praying to the Father 'for the sake of the soul.' Their whole scheme of salvation is built upon another theory. But, if Jesus Christ be the very Deity and the only Deity and salvation comes by acknowledging Him as such and living His commandments as His commandments, if it be really so, are the churches teaching a religion that leads to spiritual life? Let every man ponder that question, and if they are not teaching fundamental truths, does that fact not account for the troubles complained of?"

"I trust your readers will not gather the idea that I am a pessimist. Dr. Paville used to call me 'the optimist' because I always insisted that the power of the Lord Jesus Christ is stronger than the power of evil in the world. But, there is nothing to be gained by blinking at facts and denying that they exist. They are the things one has to deal with in this earthly stage of life. How is a man to repent of an evil sin of which he does not know in himself. The knowledge of the specific evils in him must come before he can fight against them. Society can only protect itself by knowing the things that harm it."

"Is there a remedy, then, for the frightful evils that are so large a factor of the day? Surely there is. Truly, the great battle of Armageddon is on in full force. I do not mean the horrible war in Europe. That is only one more phase of the great conflict, and only a most external one at that. It is the fruit of evils of life and false understanding that have been accumulating for centuries. I mean the battle between the truths of a new dispensation and the old false doctrines; between the goods the new truths teach and the evils of life that obtain so largely—waging today as never before. The conflict between the recognition of Jesus as the very and only Deity, incarnate, and any other view of Him, in another and probably the greatest phase of Armageddon's mighty war."

"In my judgment, the remedy for the troubles our friend Mr. Jones is so sorely tried with is indicated in what I have said in regard to the acknowledgment of the Lord Jesus Christ as the very Deity, and keeping His commandments as His commandments, as the very laws of spiritual life—in fact, that is spiritual life."

"But, if the preachers would get a perfect picture of present day conditions, their evils and falsities, their causes, and the remedy for them, and the counter-check now at work in the world, let them lay on the shelf temporarily all their present ideas of religion, and see if they cannot find a solution of their problems in Swedenborg's 'Apocalypse Revealed,' after such a careful reading that they grasp the philosophy therein presented. The church of the New Jerusalem believes that book to be God's own interpretation of

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"Perhaps some clue to some of the evils of which Mr. Jones complains may be found in the pregnant quotation made by the Rev. Julian K. Smyth in his admirable book, 'The Heart of the War'."

"The Christian religion has been tried for eighteen centuries. The religion of Jesus Christ remains to be tried." C. W. DICKINSON.

AGENTS ORGANIZE LIFE ASSOCIATION

Twenty-seven Gather at Hotel Last Night and Elect F. H. Scofield President of New Society

Twenty-seven representatives of nine life insurance companies, New York Life, Metropolitan Life, Mutual Life of New York, Guardian Life, Prudential, New England Mutual Life, Central Life, Travelers and Wisconsin Life, met at the Stoddard hotel last evening and organized the La Crosse Life Underwriters' association, a branch of the National association. Mr. A. C. Larson of Madison, secretary of the National association, was present to assist in organizing and spoke of the work of the national and local associations, the purpose of which is to advance the best interests of the cause of true life insurance, and to bring those en-

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gaged in the business into more intimate and friendly business relations. Accompanying Mr. Larson was Mr. Frank Weston, president of the Madison association, who told of the benefits that had been derived from associating.

The following officers were elected: President, F. H. Scofield, New York Life; first vice president, Joseph Martin, Metropolitan Life; second vice president, E. G. Boynton, Mutual Life of New York; secretary, H. M. Curtis, Guardian Life; treasurer, H. L. Woods, Prudential.

The National Association of Life Underwriters has been in existence more than a century. It is claimed for the association that it has accomplished much in creating legislation for the benefit of policy holders.

DEATH POSTPONES MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Caledonia Street Methodist church, will not be held Friday, on account of the death of Mrs. David E. Rice. The members will attend the funeral.

The CASINO

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Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

LORAIN, Ohio.—After social
climbers had vied in elaborate pre-
parations for entertaining Mme.
Schumann-Heink, previous to a re-
cital, the singer left them in the
lurch by arriving twelve hours late.

CLEVELAND, O.—Major General
Leonard Wood told the University
club that the United States army has
sufficient artillery ammunition to
wage war only one day, on the scale
of the European conflict.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., The treas-
er of the Ladies' Aid society of the

Migraine or Sick Headache

Dr. J. J. Caldwell says that this exceedingly
distressing disease does not shorten life,
but does not appear to be curable. Suffer-
ers from this affliction are condemned to
undergo the periodical attacks every few
weeks until they are forty years of age, after
which the attacks are less frequent, and
finally disappear entirely. Palliative mea-
sures during the attack are all that can be
done. The best preventive measure. An attack
may often be prevented by taking two
Anti-kamnia Tablets when the first symp-
toms appear, and one Anti-kamnia Tablet
every two hours during the attack shortens
it, eases the pain and brings rest and quiet.
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all druggists. Ask for A-K Tablets. They
quickly relieve all Pain.

Personals

B. A. Yeomen meeting, dance Tues.
T. B. Seymour, general manager
of the Green Bay and Western road,
did business in La Crosse this week.
President Fassett A. Cotton of the
normal has returned to his scholastic
duties.

D. Drummond, jeweler, 522 State.
M. E. Tibbets, Preston, Minn., has
been doing business in this city. Mrs.
G. D. Moore was also a caller from
the same town.

C. C. Barton was a Minnesota busi-
ness visitor here on Monday.

Art leather for fancy work at
Langdon's Shoe Repair Shop.

Mr. Duty, superintendent of the
Sunday school in La Crosse, spoke
to a large assembly at the La Crosse
Rescue Mission Monday evening.

W. C. Holbek & Co., insurance,
120 Main street.

Among other business visitors
here during this week have been in-
cluded Claude A. Tramen, Roches-
ter; O. B. Olson, Preston; John Jos-
tow, West Salem; George Havland,
Rushford and J. H. Potts of Wilton,
all of whom were here Monday only.

Hand painted china by Mrs. C.
Koechner now on display in the
Fashion Shop windows.

Prof. A. H. Sanford of the nor-
mal school has been confined to his
home, 522 West avenue south by
a slight illness. His classes were dis-
missed on Monday and Tuesday.

Indian moccasins make useful, sen-
sible gifts. At Langdon's, 429 Jay.

E. E. Ristau, North Freedom, Wis.,
was in La Crosse yesterday.

M. E. Mahon was here yesterday
from Eau Claire looking after busi-
ness interests in this city.

Hack and baggage calls made
Gateway City Trfr. Co. Phone 179.
Earl Sloane, 322 North Seventh
street, street car conductor, was taken
to the La Crosse hospital today
for an operation for appendicitis.

The Weather a Year ago Today

Fair. Temperature, High 20. Low
—6.—remember Laxative. Bromo
Quinine cures a cold in one day.
There is only one "Bromo Quinine."
Look for signature E. W. GROVE.
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A DAY WITH LEFT OVERS

(By Nellie Maxwell of the Depart-
ment of Farmers' Institutes, Uni-
versity of Wisconsin.)

There are none who care to know
that they are being served with left
overs no matter how appetizing these
may be made. Yet, even in the best
regulated families there are bits of
left over food which, if care and
thought is used, may be served again
without a suspicion that they are re-
hashed.

Kettle Waste Baskets

The soup kettle has been aptly
termed the kitchen waste basket, re-
ceiving many a choice culinary manu-
script which might otherwise go for
naught. Foods thrown away by ex-
travagant cooks would feed an en-
tire family, and well.

Girls should be taught, as they are
taught religion, that waste is a crime
and that nothing should be thrown
away that can be used.

If one inquires into the history of
certain families that are still with-
out a bank account after years of
prosperity, a visit to their garbage
can sometimes supplies the reason.
The homely saying is here in force
—"more is thrown out of the back
door with a tablespoon than is
brought in the front door in a wheel-
barrow."

It is as necessary that the young
woman should be trained to spend
money wisely and use economy as it
is that the young man should supply
the money for her use.

Turkey Soup

Now for a few examples. The bones
and carcass of a turkey cracked and
put into cold water, then brought to
the simmering point and cooked for
several hours makes a good flavored
broth which may be used in any
number of ways—to make soup, as a
liquid for meat sauces, and as a flavor
for gravy. The bits of meat left on
the bones of the carver, if cut in
bits, added to thick, well seasoned
gravy (also a left over) placed in a
baking dish and covered with seaso-
ned mashed potato, brushed with
egg to make a nice brown, crust, then
baked, is a dish which the entire
family will like.

A half cupful of stewed tomato
less or more may be added to the
turkey bone broth with celery salt,
salt, pepper, and two tablespoonsful
of boiled rice, and you have a fine
hot soup to serve on a cold night.

A half cupful of canned salmon
is left from a previous meal. Shred
the fish with two forks, add a chop-
ped sour pickle, or a few olives,
some chopped cabbage and a little
celery with a simple boiled dress-
ing, the result is a most appetizing
salad which may be served on let-
tuce or shredded cabbage. Tuna fish
is especially good served this way
or with hot riced potatoes. Place
the hot fish in the center of a hot
platter, surround with seasoned riced
potatoes, then around this pour a
thick, rich, white sauce.

Second Day Carrots

When cooking carrots to serve in

Society

SURPRISE PARTY

Miss Edna Lahman was pleasantly
surprised on her sixteenth birthday
Saturday evening at her home, 821
Wall street. She was presented with
a ring. The evening was spent in
playing games and dancing. A lunch-
eon was served at a late hour.

Those present were Myrtle Robin-
son, Marcella Bice, Dagna and Val-
borg Senstad, Mildred Hoag, Etta
and Viola Leflor, Anetta and Leona
Lee and Edna Lahman.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

The Ladies' Industrial society of
the First Baptist church will meet
tomorrow afternoon at the home of
Mrs. C. H. Collins, 910 South Eighth
street, and will be entertained by
Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Henry Trepte.

The Women's Guild of Christ
church will be entertained by Mrs.
Forrest Smith Thursday afternoon at
her home at 1114 King street.

Mrs. Dora Cohen and Miss Kate
Bauman will entertain the Ladies'
society of the German Methodist
church, corner Seventh and Perry
streets, at the church parlors to-
morrow afternoon. All members
and friends are cordially invited to
be present.

MRS. FOWLER TO ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Frank Fowler, 438 South
Thirteenth street, has issued invita-
tions for an at home for Saturday
afternoon.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. David Austin left for Chi-
cago last night to spend the holidays
with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Hill
and children.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GIFT CARD

A suitable message to send with a
Christmas present often worries the
sender. The timeworn phrases,
"Wishing you a Merry Christmas
from," etc., lack individuality and
effectiveness. Yet a clever quotation
enhances a gift. An appropriate card
to send with books might contain
this from Stevenson:

This little paper traveler goes
forth to your door charged with ten-
der greetings. Pray you, take him
in. He comes from a house where
you are well beloved.

Or one may fancy these lines from
Tennyson:

I thought to myself I would offer
this book to you. This and my love
together.

Those who make their own gifts
could use the following:

Alone I did it.—Shakespeare.

That sanguine inexperience loves
to make.—Cowper.

With a gift to a husband and wife
might go:

The gift doth stretch itself as 'tis
received, and is enough for both.—
Shakespeare.

With jewelry:

Dumb jewels often in their silent
kind

More quick than words do move a
woman's mind.

—Shakespeare.

This ring, O my beloved fair,

For me on your slim finger wear,

As a perpetual care.

To tell you of my tenderness.

—Adapted from Stevenson.

With any kind of gift:

Consider not the gift of the lover,
but the lover of the gift.—Thomas
Kempis.

Wear this for me—one out of suits
with fortune.

That could give more, but that her
hand lacks means.

—Shakespeare.

I send with deep regards of heart
and head.

Sweet maid, for friendship formed,
this gift to thee.

—Shakespeare.

Good wishes go with this,
And love, packed in a kiss.—Bald-
win.

I send thee here a remembrance of
all

That my heart to thy heart does re-
call.

Frere.

Two ladies seated at afternoon tea
fell to discussing the prowess of their
respective husbands. After each had
related several feats of endurance
and hardihood, one of them remark-
ed that her husband had on one occa-
sion dived under the water and re-
mained down for fully two minutes,
without coming up to take breath.

"Oh," said the other, "that is noth-
ing. My first husband dived below
the water five years ago, and has
not yet come up to breathe."

any ordinary way, reserve a few
cooked whole, then later serve them
cut in strips seasoned with butter
and lemon juice. Serve very hot. A
grating of nutmeg or a dash or two
of cayenne pepper is liked by some
for a little zest.

Any small amount of cranberry
jelly if cut in cubes may be served as
a pudding garnish with hard sauce
or whipped cream.

Fruit juice, left from canned
fruit will make delicious pudding
sauces or as liquid in fruit cake and
as salad dressings for fruit, particu-
larly if it is light in color, like
peach, pear or pineapple juice.

Small pieces of fruit cake or plum
pudding if crumbed and mixed with
chopped nuts then stirred into sweet-
ened and flavored whipped cream,
makes a most dainty and enjoyable
dessert. This may be served in sher-
bet cups garnished with a cherry or
bit of preserved ginger.

Though the subject of left overs
by no means exhausted, these sug-
gestions may prove helpful in solv-
ing some difficulties. And we have
the best of authority for using econ-
omy for the Good Book says, "Gath-
er up the fragments that remain that
nothing be lost."

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"Whys" of Moves in European War

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Brit-
ish government's resolve to purchase
American securities held abroad, is a
substitute proposal for the policy of
thrift and boycott of commodities im-
ported from America, which lately
has been urged upon the people of
the United Kingdom. There are four
possible ways whereby Great Britain
can pay the United States for the
enormous quantities of war supplies
which America is making for the al-
lies. The first method, to pay out-
right with gold, is impracticable be-
cause of the enormous differences in
the way of gathering so great a
quantity of the monetary metal. This
leaves but three practical methods:
The issuance of a loan in America;
the dispatch to America of goods
made in Great Britain, and the of-
fer to America of America's own se-
curities held abroad.

A loan has just been taken up by
American investors but it has not
provided enough credit to meet the
British indebtedness. So many Brit-
ishers are now employed in making
war supplies at home that it is im-
possible for Great Britain to in-
crease her exports to the United
States to pay for American munitions.
It would be possible to make
the present exports serve as pay-
ments for munitions if the people of
the United Kingdom were to re-
duce their war supplies. America
would continue to receive British ex-
ports just the same and, in place of
the curtailed American products cus-
tomarily sent to Great Britain in ex-

change, war munitions, paid for by
the British exports could be sent.

But the British nation does not
want to do without its American
goods. Despite every plea the pur-
chases continue. The British govern-
ment cannot hope to take care of
its American liabilities by readjust-
ing the ordinary process of commer-
cial exchanges between the two
countries. The British people do not
see the necessity for economizing to
this extent.

The British government, there-
fore, has adopted the final device.
Instead of attempting to place a new
loan in the United States, it has, in
effect, issued a domestic loan and,
with the proceeds, is buying Ameri-
can securities which America must
accept as payment for the allies' war
orders. It is probable that the se-
curities which the British govern-
ment buys outright will be sold on
the New York stock exchange or
offered to munition makers direct.
The securities which are only loaned
to the British government, later may
be used as guarantees for payment of
any new credit which the allies may
attempt to establish in the United
States.

WOULD CONSECRATE YEAR OF PEACE

ROME, Dec. 15.—Pope Benedict
intends to consecrate the year in
which peace is concluded as Holy
Year, the Aegizia Informazione
stated today. His holiness hopes, by
means of special prayers and pil-
grimages to purify the world of all
hated and ill-feeling engendered by
the war.

No one is quite as brutal as the at-
torney for the defense would have
the prosecution appear.

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FINED FOR STEALING GRAIN

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Arthur
Levenson, Superior, Wis., peddler,
was fined \$750 with the alternative
of a year and a day in Leavenworth
penitentiary this morning in federal
court for having stolen grain.

John Aylward, United States dis-
trict attorney, charged the defendant
with having committed perjury in
four instances while on the witness
stand.

GERMAN CABINET OFFICERS PAY VISIT TO THE POLISH FRONT



Left to right, in auto: Delbruck, the chancellor's representative; Minister of Interior Loebell; Under Secretary
Dreows. Bottom, German searchlights at night.

These pictures, just received from Germany, show recent activities on the Polish front. The trip of the cab-
inet ministers to the eastern fighting line was an important event of last month. The lower photo shows Ger-
mans using the powerful new searchlights to aid them in night fighting. These lights have a range of eight miles
even on a cloudy night.

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LA CROSSE.

RECEIVES LOAN GIVEN COMRADE IN REBELLION

MERRILL, Wis., Dec. 15.
—Fifty years ago when
Wallace Chafin, Denver, and
Lloyd Breck of this city were
fighting in the civil war,
Chafin borrowed \$1 from
his comrade.
When Breck opened his
mail today, a dollar bill
dropped out of an envelope.
With it was a letter from
Chafin, thanking him for
the loan. It was the first
time that Breck heard from
his companion in the war
since they were mustered
out. Chafin is blind and
paralyzed.

EMBEZZLERS SENTENCED

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 15.—Inde-
terminate sentences of seven years
each were passed upon Joseph T.
Nelson and Gust L. Wedan, who
pleaded guilty here to embezzling
county funds. The two men were em-
ployed in the county treasurer's of-
fice. Nelson got more than \$2,000
and Wedan \$800.

For a Soiled Clothesline.

There is no better way to scrub a
clothesline than to wind it around a
board, such as dress materials are
wound on, and then scrub with a brush
dipped in rich suds.

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LATEST FASHION NOTES from the FASHION CENTRES

THE Horse Show in New York has opened its doors and is a vasty entertaining as well as brilliant. The opera will come next and we are preparing therefor and there are all sorts of beautiful costumes to be seen, not alone at the Show, but also on the street and displayed for the benefit of the many strangers who always are in town during the week. As is commonly the case, fur makes really the most important feature of the costume display. From time immemorial, Horse Show week has been the date set for the opening of the fur season. It seldom is really cold enough to make for real comfort, but weather conditions are far too trivial to be allowed to hamper the world of fashion, and fur coats, fur trimming and the high, enveloping collars of fur are being worn with great élan and distinction. For evening wear, the loose, ample wrap is the accepted one and it is to be met in every available skin from ermine to squirrel. For the street coat, the redingote is a much liked model and redingotes are found in such fur as seal and also are conspicuous made of velvet combined with fur. A notable one, for example, is of black velvet, richly embroidered with gold and silver and combined with breitschwanz. A very superb coat of seal shows a "Chin-Chin" collar and deep cuff of spotless ermine, and there are numberless evidences of similar combinations. An exceedingly handsome redingote met early in the week was of Hudson seal in Russian style with a wide belt of the fur and a very full, flaring skirt. It was finished with exceedingly high "Chin-Chin" collar and deep cuffs of skunk. Caracul lends itself to the redingote idea and the making of plaited and draped effects with marvellous success. The shorter coats for the street take a great many different forms. A notable one is a jacket of seal with a loose, raglan back and high collar that rolls over to reveal a lining of ermine. Smaller fur pieces take the form of scarfs and of collars and the scarfs are worn most interestingly. The long straight one that we used to know as "directoire" is to be seen in a variety of skins and is worn with one end wound closely around the throat, while the other hangs loose from the left shoulder down nearly to the hem of the skirt. A very smart and beautiful model is of white ermine of the tailless sort, combined with narrow strips of seal and was carried with a round muff to match. The wide scarfs of shorter length are many of them draped over the shoulders after the manner of shawls, with the ends

crossed at the front, but the younger contingent, at least, is apt to place the closing at the back and to arrange the scarf straight across the body.

Afternoon costumes show a great many beautiful materials, but perhaps there is nothing that can be said at once to be more fashionable or more elegant than the redingote suits of heavy satin. A very beautiful one is of brown satin with a high, choker collar, deep cuffs and the band at the lower edge of the coat of natural beaver. In cut and in treatment, however, the costume is simple, for the coat is simply graceful, full one, belted while the under skirt is plain and of moderate width. A novel feature, however, is found in the belt which is slipped through two small rings of dark red at each side of the front. The entire costume gives a sense of quiet elegance that is very charming, but the lining is a flowered silk in rich and even sumptuous colors.

The evening costumes are always of interest. The latest to have appeared give evidence of the great favor for rich, metal brocades. They are of necessity somewhat simple in cut and in style, for material of the sort is so superb of itself that it will not allow of trimming to any extent and must be used on comparatively plain surfaces to give the best results. A fascinating gown that makes a good example is of white silk, richly and heavily brocaded with silver. The skirt consists of a long plain tunic slightly gathered at sides and back and finished with a band of silver lace sewed to its lower edge. Beneath the tunic is seen a narrower skirt all of silver lace bound with plain satin and on the edge of the tunic is a tiny little bit of black fur. The bodice is quite plain at the back and forms three deep points at the front, two of which extend to the shoulders where they are joined to the back by means of strips of rhinestone beads. The center point is of half length and is arranged over a band of exquisite silver lace. There are tiny little sleeves of tulle and there is just a little drapery of the tulle against the skin, above the brocade and silver lace, that has a delightfully softening effect. The waist line is finished with a narrow girdle of silver ribbon and at the left side, hang long ends of the same, finished with bands of silver lace and edged with fur.

Everything that scintillates, everything that sparkles, everything that is brilliant is worn for evening occasions.

SEASONABLE STYLES By MAY MANTON



The top coat makes an important feature of mid-winter fashions. This one is eminently smart, the fulness being laid in plaits under the arms where it is held by means of an ornamental belt. At the same time, it is absolutely simple and easy to make. The high collar and the deep cuffs are important features and are exceedingly fashionable made of fur. The coat as illustrated is made of black velvet and the fur is natural fisher.

Here is a coat that can be made in two entirely different ways. Here, it is shown plain and loose, but if preferred, it can be laid in plaits under the arms and belt passed over these plaits to hold them in place, also there are patch pockets that can be used if liked. In the illustration, broadcloth is trimmed with rows of braid.

Every variation of the gored skirt is in vogue. This one is in four pieces, but the front and back are finished and lapped onto the sides to give the effect of panels or box-plaits. The finish can be made at either the raised waist line or at the natural waist line. In the illustration, broadcloth is trimmed with braid, but the model is a good one for all seasonable materials and all seasonable trimmings.

The skirt that combines a plain body portion with plain flaring skirt is one of the smartest and best liked of the season. This one can be made with a body portion showing a straight edge as it is here or with a shaped front edge. The collar can be turned up about the throat or down over the coat. The very wide bell-shaped cuffs are exceedingly smart, but plain sleeves can be used if preferred. The pleum can be cut with a straight edge or with points at front and back or with points at sides.

This is one of the prettiest of the yoke skirts. At the front and back, there is a plain panel or box-plait and at the sides, the skirt is gathered and joined to a yoke. The panels at front and back can be extended over the yoke to the lower edge, or cut off and joined to its lower edge. For the medium size will be needed, $4\frac{1}{4}$ yards of material 36 inches wide, 4 yards 44; the width at the lower edge is $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

Here is an exceedingly smart coat with belt and yoke that give just a little suggestion of the Norfolk idea, yet which is entirely distinctive and new. The belt is cut in one with the side portions and passed over the plaits at front and at back to hold them in place.

The skirt that is finished with lapped edges at the front is a pretty and a fashionable one. This model is made in five gores, which are perfectly smooth over the hips, while they flare gracefully at the lower edge. The closing of the skirt and the closing of the coat harmonize to a nicety. The material illustrated is checked gabardine in shades of brown and tan.

The Russian coat is an eminently smart one this season, and this model is one of the best to be found. Besides being a very fashionable garment, it is a very simple one to make, consequently especially well adapted to the home dressmakers' needs. It may be made in the length illustrated or longer.

THE Norfolk coat is always a satisfactory one and this one shows the military pockets that are new and distinctive. It is admirable for all seasons and for a variety of different materials. Here, blue gabardine is shown, but white gabardine and white serge are especially smart made in this way.

Plaited skirts are not alone fashionable, they are very generally becoming. This one is so arranged as to give the effect of a plain panel at the front and one at the back, also it is cut off at about the hip line and finished with a pleum prettily shaped yoke.

DESIGNS FOR THE CHILDREN THAT

ARE PRETTY AND PRACTICAL --- By MAY MANTON



THIS is one of the prettiest dancing frocks that the season has brought about. It is simple as all girls' dresses should be, for the pointed yoke and the flounced skirt gives an exceedingly smart effect. Here, the material is crepe de chine with taffeta for the yoke and fur banding. If wanted for afternoon use, the lining could be cut high and faced to form the yoke and the sleeves made long, consequently the model serves two different purposes. Beneath the pointed yoke the blouse is a simple one, joined to a square yoke and the skirt consists of two flounces

A very handsome black gown which illustrated not alone the favor shown for black, but also of the cleverness with which it is relieved of any suggestion of sombreness, is made of silk net. On the skirt are four bands approximately three inches in width, of over-lapped jet sequins and these sequins are about the size of a dime, the upper edge of each band being finished with a soft ruche-like banding. The bodice is softly full with a square neck and tiny little sleeves and it is richly embroidered with the sequins to match the skirt, but beneath the net gown is a very wide girdle which extends below as well as above the hips, of green silk, richly embroidered with gold, and confining the net itself, is an exceedingly handsome girdle of sequins with long tasselled ends.

the lower one being joined to a deep yoke and the upper one arranged over it. Various materials are pretty made in this way. chiffon taffeta is much liked, crepe de chine is being much used and for simple dresses, challis, albatross, cashmere and the wool voiles are charming.

THE simple coat is always the best one for the small boy. Here, is a model that can be worn with open neck or be buttoned up about the throat and as just a plain coat or as a belted one. In fact, there are three quite different ways of treating it. On the figure, it is just a simple coat with generous pockets. In one small view, it is shown with the collar worn high and with a belt that is passed all around. In the back view, the fronts are loose and the back only is confined by a belt. All three styles are smart. For the making of such coats, there are a

variety of materials. On the figure, chinchilla cloth is shown and that material is much liked this season, and it is always warm and always comfortable. The belted coat with high neck is made of beaver cloth with velvet collar and cuffs.

THIS is a coat that can be made either with a hood or with a collar, and the two treatments result in such entirely different effects that really there are two separate coats instead of one. Fundamentally, it is just a plain little garment with shoulder and under-arm seams only, but the sash or belt is arranged in a quite novel way. There can be slashes cut on indicated lines through which one or the other is passed, and in either case, the result is a most attractive one and the coat thoroughly smart and generally becoming. On the figure, it is made of diagonal cloth in shades of brown and is trimmed with champagne colored broadcloth.

In the small front view, broadcloth is used with sash and hood lining of soft satin, and besides all the pretty clothes, there are the velvets for the handsome coats, while there is velvet and corduroy for the every-day ones.

HERE is a frock that can be made from flouncing and from material with equal success. It is a very charming little model, eminently child-like, yet essentially smart and it can be made with a high or square neck and with either short or long sleeves, so that it seems adapted to many occasions as well as to many materials. When flouncing is used, the hem and tucks are of necessity omitted. Here, the fulness at the upper edge is laid in tiny tucks, but it would be quite possible to substitute smocking and smocking is exceedingly smart and also gives a very pretty effect. On

the figure, the frock is made of embroidered flouncing with plain lawn for the sleeves and lace banding used as trimming. In the small front view, it is made of rose colored challis with lace and it makes a very pretty frock suited to the girls of six years of age.

Last Times Today of "Martyrs of the Alamo" & "Saved by Wireless"

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

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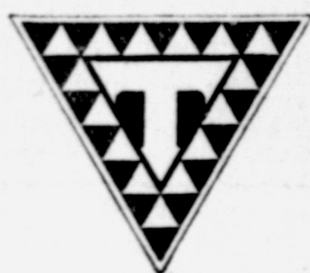
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LUNCH IS DEFINED

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—That a sandwich and a cup of coffee is not a lunch and the place where such is sold exclusively is not a restaurant is the legal opinion of Attorney General Owen to the state board of health. Mr. Owen points out that a restaurant is a place where meals are served and that a meal consists of bread, butter, vegetables, meat and a drink as coffee or milk. The opinion is given so that the hotel and restaurant department of the board may determine just what places are

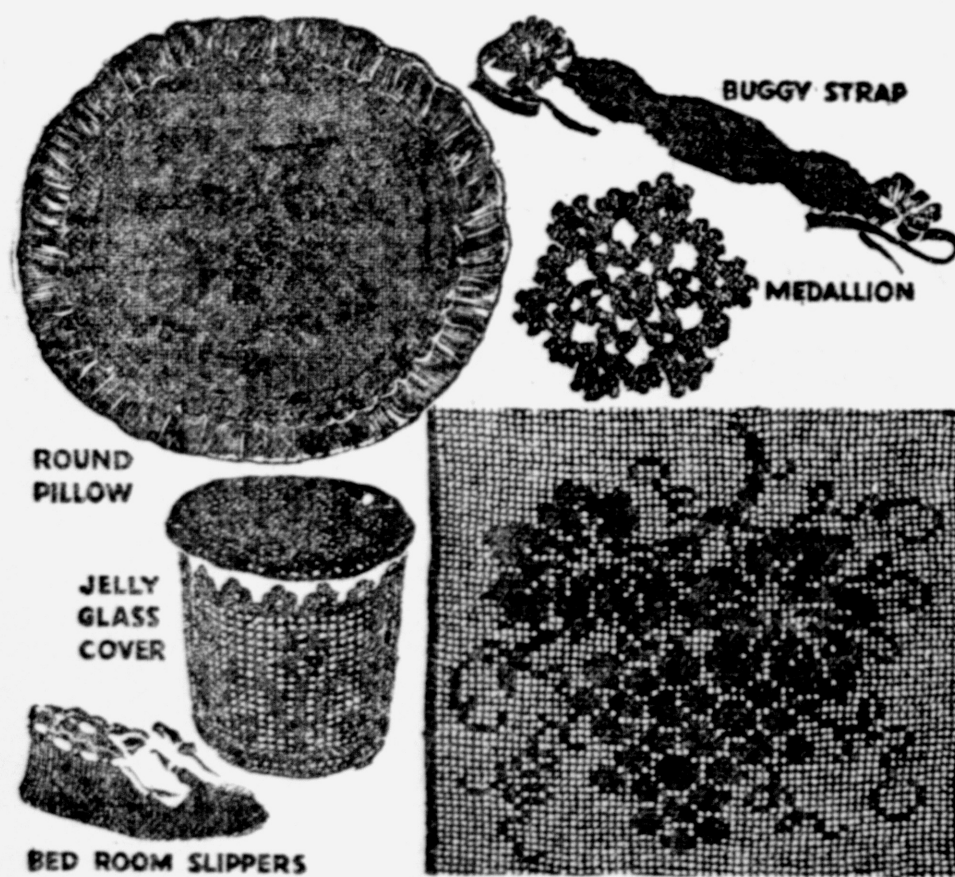
restaurants coming within the scope of the law requiring inspection and the payment of fees to the department.

An Outsider

"I suppose you'll be in the gay social whirl this winter?"
"Who? Me?" replied Mr. Cumrox.
"Not a chance. The further my wife gets into society the more she realizes that I don't belong."—Washington Star.

Many people attempt to put on airs without much cause and with less success.

Dainty Hand Crocheted Novelties for Christmas Gifts



By Katherine Krochet

Never is the pleasure of receiving a gift so keenly appreciated as when the gift is the handiwork of the giver.

Any one of the dainty hand crocheted novelties illustrated would have an added value as a gift, because of its usefulness.

These pretty little novelties are quite easy to make and the materials are inexpensive. I am giving you the following directions for making the ladies' bedroom slippers. Material required—2 balls of worsted perle cotton, color to suit taste. Directions cover sizes 4 and 5.

1 1/2 yard No. 7 ribbon.
Ch 16, which allows 1 st. for turning.
1st R.—1 dc. in ea. ch. 1, in.
2nd R.—1 dc. in 7 dc. (take up the back st.; you will then have formed 1

rib. of vamp, 2 dc. in 8 dc., 7 dc. in 7 dc. ch. 1, in.

Continue until you have 21 ribs, or 42 rows for vamp, increasing 2 extra stitches in center of ea. rib (or every other row).

Continue around slipper, making 14 rows 20 dc. Make 22 more rows, adding 1 st. to ea. 4th row, rp. for opp. side, joining at back on wrong side. Now make 1 dc. around top of slipper, ch. 2, sk. 2 dc. 1 t. in next dc., rp. ro., 1 dc. in 1 st. t. sk. 1 in. 8 t. in next m., sk. 1 m., 1 dc. in next t., rp. ro.

If you would like detailed instructions for making the other articles illustrated, write me in care of this paper and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a two cent stamp.

STATE INSPECTOR SAYS ASYLUM AT SPARTA CROWDED

Frank Walsh Finds Other Institutions O. K.; Asylum Addition Is Being Erected

SPARTA, Wis., Dec. 15.—Frank Walsh, state inspector of public institutions, was in Sparta yesterday, pursuant to his duties. He pronounced the state school in fine shape and said that the county institution was getting along as well as possible under existing conditions. The new \$45,000 addition will greatly facilitate the work.

Local and Personal

The following marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk Jackson: Miss Odell Ryckman and Leon Vandervort, both of the town of La Grange; Miss Irene Wenzel, town of Tomah, and Henry Behrens of Wilton, and Miss Rosa Kiel of Glendale and John E. Von Haden, town of Clifton.

Messrs. Ivar Yttrie and Tolly Bilstad of Viroqua are in Sparta this week receiving treatment at the Sidney sanitarium.

The Spartan Lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold its annual roll-call of members next Monday evening. Every resident member is expected to be present.

After completing the inside painting at the county jail, the painters are working on the clerk of court's office in the court house.

Miss Eunice Williams, an instructor of music at Platteville, returned home today to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Williams.

Mrs. A. A. Kleppen has returned to La Crosse after a week's visit with Sparta friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Tiekelson of Cashton was in Sparta yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brownell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home at 639 Kent street yesterday.

They were at home to their friends in the afternoon, a large number of which called to congratulate.

The C. and B. club met yesterday with Mrs. W. O. Naset.

Mrs. Workman, Olathe, Col., and Mrs. Dick Nathrop of Mount Rose, Col., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Frank Steele.

The Home Economic club will meet in the city hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The evening subject will be, "Candy." Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Bray will lead the evening's discussion.

Adolph Sonnenberg of Melrose and Mrs. C. E. Townsend of Necedah underwent operations at St. Mary's hospital Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Robinson stopped over with Sparta friends between trains yesterday. She left for her Cashton home this morning.

Miss Singleton of Camp Douglas was a Sparta visitor yesterday.

Jens Tollefson of Tomah was a business caller in Sparta yesterday and this morning.

William Dale of Bangor was fined one dollar and costs in the justice court yesterday for being drunk.

F. J. Wiggert of La Crosse was a Sparta caller Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Baldwin of Redfield, S. D., stopped for a short visit at the home of the former's brother, Mr. F. E. Baldwin, Tuesday.

From Sparta they went to Rochester for a two weeks' stay.

Mr. Wooley, the contractor, was down from La Crosse on business yesterday.

O. W. Muenster was in Sparta on Tuesday in the interests of the TRIBUNE.

Mrs. M. B. Benedict is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. George Moett, of Proctor, Minn. Mr. Moett is also here. They will go from here to Toronto, Canada.

Among those from out of the city who attended the funeral of the late Herbert H. Riley, are the following: Mr. and Mrs. G. Oaks and Miss

TOMAH BASKETEERS HARD AT PRACTICE

Cashton Will Be First to Meet Monroe County Team Friday at Tomah

STORE BURNED IN NECEDAH FIRE

Tomah Hears News That Village Is Burned with Shock; Other Towns Lend Their Aid

TOMAH, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special) The high school basket ball team is putting in some hard practice, in preparation for the games to be played soon. Coach I. R. Wittuhn is pleased with the boys' work so far and thinks they will be able to hold their own—even with Sparta. The first game of the season will be played here on Friday evening, December 17, with Cashton. Other games to be played are two with Sparta, two with La Crosse, two with Baraboo, two with Portage, and two with Madison. The actual schedule of dates is not as yet arranged.

Those trying for the team are George Wolf, Fred Denomie, Arnold Zellbell, Ernest Zellmer, Stanley Butts, Earl Maddon and Pete Burnett.

To Help Poor

The Helping Hand society will be in their rooms in the armory at 1 o'clock Thursday, December 16, to receive all donations of cash, clothing and food to be used in making up the Christmas baskets for the poor. The society will continue their work this year of making up Christmas boxes of both food and clothing for the poor of the city and country as they have done for many years.

Losses Property in Fire

Tomah people were terribly shocked by the news of the disastrous fire at Necedah on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanson left on the afternoon train for the stricken city. Mrs. Hanson's father, Mr. Joe Dary, lost his store and his entire stock of jewelry and drugs. W. T. Snyder, lineman, was called to Necedah on account of line trouble. Mr. L. A. Oaks, who resided in Necedah until recently, went up on the afternoon train. The fire crossed the railroad track, making it necessary to run a stub back from New Lisbon to Necedah, consequently the Tomah trains were late on Tuesday afternoon.

The Grand Rapids, Mauston, and New Lisbon fire departments were all sent to aid in fighting the fire.

Locals

Bert Laundt, Mr. Joseph Clendennis, Mr. Frank Nichols, and Miss Hoy, all of Kilbourne, Wis., spent Tuesday in Tomah. Mr. Nichols' father, who has been taking treatments here for some time, returned to his home with them.

George Hoisington of Kilbourne was visiting his nephew, Rev. Hoisington, on Tuesday.

Miss Eura Sanders has returned to her home in La Crosse.

Dance For Charity

On Thursday evening, December 16, the society of Tomah will dance for charity. About 150 invitations have been issued for an old folks' dancing party to be held in McCaul's hall. Carpenters' orchestra of New Hampton, Ia., will furnish the music. All the old fashioned dances will be indulged in and the proceeds are to go for charity. Refreshments will be served in the evening by the Bay View club and they, too, will give the proceeds to the Helping Hand.

Locals

A. B. Robbins of the Hotel Sherman has returned from Baraboo where he spent a few days with Al Ringling, famous circus man, who is ill.

E. C. Van Wie was in Mauston between trains on Tuesday.

Dr. T. Sheehy went to Oakdale on Tuesday to look after Carl Taylor, who has been very seriously ill. While hunting he shot himself in the hand, and afterwards blood poisoning set in. He is now improving, but will probably be some time before he is entirely well.

Aged Clergyman (to young curate) — "Always remember in preaching a sermon that the great secret to success is simplicity. The beginner, after choosing his text, should divide his sermon into three parts. In the first part he tells the congregation what he is going to tell them; in the second part he tells them; and in the third part he tells them what he has told them."

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DR. HOFFMAN HAS NOT YET RESIGNED

He Has Until Midnight to Resign as Superintendent of Sanatorium at Wales

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Although the board of control had a meeting yesterday and last night, its members declared that nothing had developed in the case of Dr. Norman Hoffman of Wales, who as superintendent of the institution was asked to present his resignation on or before Dec. 15.

"No action has been taken in the matter," declared W. H. Graebner, a member of the board. "Dr. Hoffman has all day to resign up until midnight."

Asked who would be elected to succeed Dr. Hoffman, Mr. Graebner said that he had no idea on the matter.

Some people imagine that they have a peck of trouble when in reality it wouldn't fill a pint cup.

A Stand Off

A customer in a local restaurant being waited on by a particularly tall and fine looking waiter with a foreign accent, asked the man his nationality.

"Oh, I'm Hungarian," was the reply.

"How comes it, then, that a big, strong fellow like you is not on the firing line?" asked the visitor.

"Well, sir, it's like this," replied the knight of the napkin, pointing to a brother waiter a few tables off. "You see that man? Well, he's a Serb, and we have vat you call paired."

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Old books and old songs are far better than new.
And old shoes for comfort (we need new ones badly);
The old cornucopie I shall always hold dear.
But the old, old subscriber, I mention him gladly,
Ever faithful and true, he renews by the year.
The old, old subscriber, the dear old subscriber,
The faithful old friend who renews every year.
Old wine and old sweethearts, the older the better;
The old folks at home—what is home without them?
The old swimming hole—it must not be forgotten—
The jewel of Memory's whole diamond;
Old times and old customs, and e'en the old dances
(We'll have to admit we cannot turkey trot);
But of old institutions, if one must take chances,
The old, old subscriber's the best of the lot.
The old, old subscriber, the dear old subscriber,
The paid up subscriber's the best of the lot.

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